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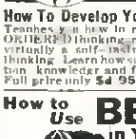
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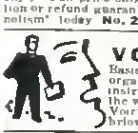


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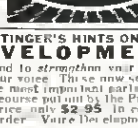
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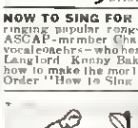
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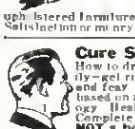
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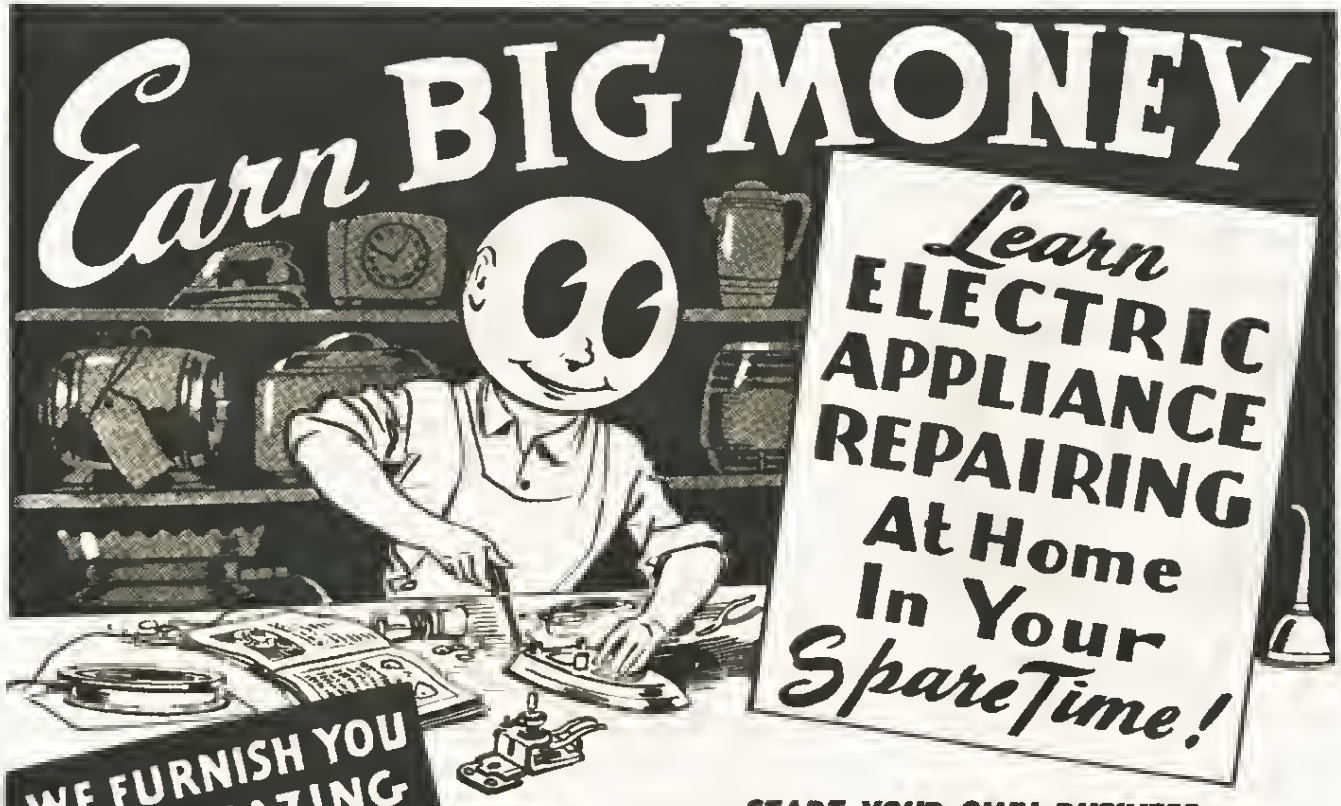
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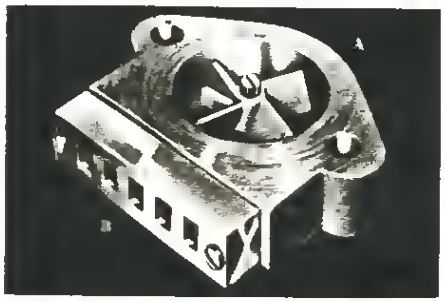
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THE TOUCH OF DEATH

By Harold Helfer



In a fury of rage and hate, the attractive Marie taunted her would-be lover.

ONE OF THE strangest cases in the annals of European criminology revolves around Marie Stanovich, a pretty Czechoslovakian girl.

In the first place, there was the baffling nature of the illness that overtook her. There was her growing gauntness and there were the strange fits into which she would lapse.

Doctors were, frankly, extremely puzzled by it all. Marie had been such a healthy, normal girl all along and then strangely, unexplainably, almost weirdly, she began having fantastic reactions, unlike anything they'd run into before.

After numerous examinations, they decided that she was suffering from some kind of chemical poisoning. But that made everything seem that much more mysterious. Because, although Marie worked in a chemical plant, she was a stenographer and never came in contact with the laboratories or with any of the chemicals. Furthermore, she was the only one in her office who had become so afflicted.

Poor Marie tried to work as long as she could. But — and this was perhaps the weirdest part of all— it was plain that somehow she was receiving more and more poison in her body, despite the fact that now a constant watch was being kept on her as she worked and even as she walked through the corridor of the plant, to and from her office.

It was incredible that it could be so — and yet the poisoning continued and Marie finally had to give up her job and go home. As she went to bed, gaunt and gimlet-eyed, her doctors feared the worst.

It might very well be that Marie would have died if it were not for a simple circumstance that no one could have foreseen as having any bearing on this strange case.

Two employees in Marie's office had to work overtime one night, no doubt partially because the capable Marie was no longer able to be there. At any rate, the pair worked on until late in the evening. And, as it began to grow dark, they became aware of a peculiar phenomenon . . .

WHAT DID THEY SEE?

Can you identify this new development that gave police the source of Marie's poisoning and led them to her would-be killer? For the correct answer, turn to page **65**

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TRUE MYSTERY HEADLINE CASE

By E. R. Trauts

Damned by forbidden desire, and waited for lovely Vicki—now someone watched his chance had come!

PROWLING SAVAGE OF LOVERS LANE



Smiling suspect: "He's a twenty-three year old teenager. A little fish who wanted to be a big whale. He's basically a nice kid, but very mixed up," said neighbor.

THE blond-haired young man sat in a straight chair rocking dreamily on its back legs as he watched the pretty teen-age girls hanging around inside Robbie's Corral in Ramsey, New Jersey. Edgar Smith looked a few years younger than his actual 23 and maybe that was why quite a few of the 16-year-old girls gave him the eye as they went by him to their tables. Eddie wasn't catching the admiring glances at his handsome profile because he was concentrating on Vickie Zielinski, 15, sitting a few feet from him and talking to friends.

Vickie, a Mahwah, New Jersey high school student, was not entirely unaware of Eddie's glances in her direction. A couple of her classmates had whispered that Eddie was sizing her up and that made her feel excited and wanted. She knew the 23-year-old youth was not only married but was also the father of an infant daughter and that was why she didn't encourage him. Yet it was flattering to her teen-age heart to get direct and unashamed attention. It was only natural for a pretty young high school girl to feel this way.

Vickie and her friends had seen the young man a few times before in Robbie's Corral. He was always alone, and always sitting against the wall so that the chicks in the place could see his well-shaped nose and jutting jaw. One look at Edgar Smith was enough to see he was a man who thought a lot of himself.

Maybe it wasn't Eddie's fault that he thought he was top-dog among the girls and women in his life. His ex-wife Doris, 19-year-old Patricia, loved him deeply, had borne him a child, and was pregnant with a second. During Eddie's high school days he was a dancing Romeo with fellow students. Every girl had been ga-ga about him and so it followed that Eddie thought a lot about himself.

But Eddie wasn't going to rush things and scare Vickie away. It was enough that she had finally noticed him. Next time he'd talk to her, and after that matters would take their natural course. He got up from his chair and walked past Vickie's table. Their eyes met for a moment and Vickie blushed. Eddie smiled knowingly. "So long," he said confidently to her but Vickie didn't answer.

When the door of the teen-age hang-out closed the girls with Vickie gathered about her. "Did you see how he looked at you, Vickie?" one asked.

"Yes," she replied.

"Yeah, well, you better watch out, Vickie," a second said. "I know him. He's married. His name is Eddie Smith and he's got a wife and baby."

"I know all that," Vickie said heatedly, "and, anyway, I don't care because I don't intend going out with a married man."

But 15-year-old Vickie Zielinski didn't reckon on the persistency of a hot-blooded young man who saw a girl he wanted badly. Eddie in a deliberate take-it-easy method made several visits to Robbie's Corral and gradually won Vickie over to him. They started to exchange greetings and then got into talks over cokes.

Vickie told him a lot about herself. She was a lower junior at Ramsey High School. Her father, Anthony Zielinski, was a truck driver for Ramsey County, and she had two sisters, Mary, 18, and Myrna, 13. Once they lived in Pennsylvania, Honesdale was the name of the small hometown. Her father and mother were married there, and it was a pretty place.

Eddie wasn't shy about talking, either. He told his new friend that he was married but his wife didn't like going out and that was why he enjoyed hanging around Robbie's place. "I guess you saw me looking at you all those times I came, didn't you?" he questioned her.

"Yeah," she admitted.

"That's because I think you look great and I'd like to take you out some day."

"I wouldn't go out with you because you have a wife."

"I'm not going to do anything to you. I just like talking," he answered soothingly.

"That's what all you fellows say," Vickie said laughing.

After that conversation, Eddie attempted to make further advances. A couple of times he met Vickie on her way to school and gave her a lift in his car. Then



Partially clad body of Vickie Zielinski was discovered by her father in pool of blood in Mahwah, N. J. sand pit.

Vickie introduced him to her sisters one afternoon at the hang-out.

"You sure have a terrific sister in Vickie," said Eddie to Mary, the oldest girl.

"I know but she's only fifteen," Mary replied wisely.

But Eddie was not to be put off and he begged Mary a few times after that for her to fix him up with Vickie. "I think she's swell. One word from you, Mary, and she'd date me."

Mary lost her patience with him then and said angrily, "Why don't you stay home and pay some attention to your wife. Quit bothering my sister. She's too young for anything you got in mind."

Eddie tried to laugh her remark off, saying, "What do you think I'm going to do—attack Vickie?"

"I don't know what you want but don't try to get me to help," Mary said finally.

A little angry, Eddie left Mary and drove home to wife and child. The young couple lived at Bogert's Trailer Ranch in Mahwah, N. J. They owned a comfortable $4,500 trailer that contained two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and bath. Eddie maintained his home and family by being a jack-of-all-trades in near-by towns. At present, however, he was unemployed and that accounted for all his free time, those hours he spent idling around the



Prosecutor Galdo holds victim's school books and bag, as tousled-haired suspect explains the details of his story.

towns and flirting with teen-ager Vickie.

When Eddie got home, his pretty wife, Patricia greeted him with a kiss and the announcement that the kerosene heating stove had broken down. "So you better keep your jacket and coat on. I want you to drive me over to my mother's house. The baby won't be able to take this cold."

"Okay, okay," Eddie said sullenly.

Patricia noticed her young husband's sour mood and figured it was because of ill-luck in looking for work. She had no idea that he was angry over being rebuffed by Vickie and discouraged by older sister Mary.

Inside the car Patricia asked, "Do you think Bill will mind you keeping his car so long?" She referred to Bill Wallace, a close friend of the Smiths who lived in Mahwah.

"No. He said I could use it until I get a job. But I have to bring it back tonight," Eddie answered.

They drove over to Patricia's mother's house in Ridgewood, New Jersey. It was not an unpleasant ride. They talked of many things and had a couple of laughs over something funny Patricia remembered. Eddie stayed only a half hour at his mother-in-law's place and then said good night.

He arrived in Ramsey and started for the kerosene service store to pick up a couple of gallons and to arrange for repairs of the stove. As he cruised along the road he saw Vickie. She was on the other side of the road, walking with her school books held tightly against her. He blew the horn. She looked up and waved. Eddie stopped the car and Vickie crossed to it. He opened the door. "Hop in," he invited and she got in. "Where you going?" he asked as they drove off.

"I just came. I was at my girl friend's house. We were studying up on German for a test," she said.

"You want to drive around a bit or go right home?" he asked.

"I don't care," she said. "But if we drive around, make it short because I got to get home."

So he drove out to the sand-pit, a favorite spot for lovers who wanted to escape prying eyes. He felt a little excited sitting next to her. Her small but nicely shaped body was revealed to him by her open coat. Vickie was five feet tall and weighed 104 pounds but she already had the grace of a young woman. Eddie long ago had recognized her beauty. He decided not to waste time and so after a few innocent remarks about her school work, Eddie made a pass at her. He put his arm around her shoulder and drew the surprised girl to him. "How about a free kiss?" he asked, moving his hand downward.

"Come on, Eddie," she protested laughing nervously. "You better start the car. I have to go home."

"Yeah, sure," he said, kissing her and grabbing.

She pulled away from him. "I'm going to tell my father," she warned.

He reached for her and they started to struggle. They fought silently, viciously. Somehow they both realized something terrible was about to take place. Vickie grabbed for the door and flung herself out to the ground. He followed her and they continued fighting and then a blackness came over Eddie. It seemed like he was in a room and the room was closing tight around his head. He suddenly blacked out, but continued the weird battle with Vickie. Eddie hit and hit, knowing only blind fury.

Later, when he left the sand pit, he was alone. There was blood on the floor rubber mat. Blood was on his pants, too, and on his shoes. He could not remember where the blood had come from. All he recalled was a lot of running. He had run a lot and fought bitterly with some one. Who? He could not remember. Then he asked himself, what's your name? Edgar Smith. Where do you live? In a trailer camp in Mahwah. What date is it today? Tuesday, March 5th, 1957. Where are you going? And then Eddie remembered that he was returning the car to Bill Wallace.

The nature of his errand somehow sobered him and when he got to Bill's house the fear and trembling had left him. He gave the car to Bill and said, "Thanks a lot."

Edgar Smith went home to his wife and child that Tuesday night, but 15-year-old Vickie Zielinski never made it to the house of her parents who waited fearfully for her return. The Zielinski's finally called the police and a search was started for the young girl.

Vickie's father joined the all-night search. He insisted that something

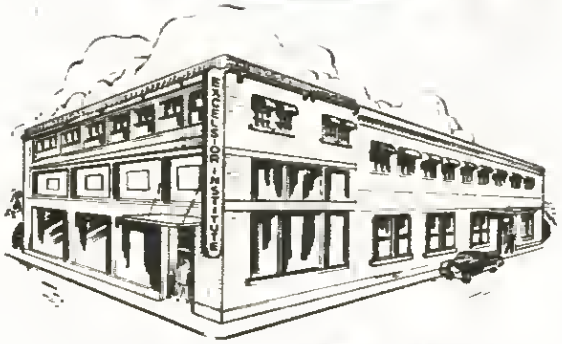
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MEN PAST 40

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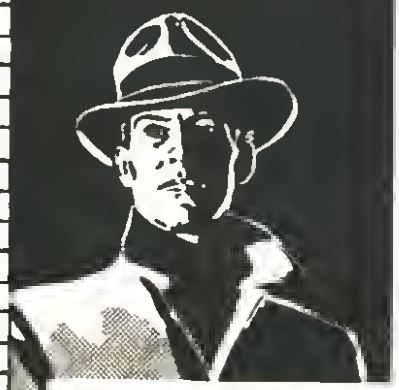
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"terrible" must have happened to her. "She always let us know where she was going. Like tonight, she went to study with her friends. I know something bad has happened."

Anthony Zielinski did not work side-by-side with the police but trusting his intuition, went directly to the sand-pit where he knew couples often visited. He drove his car among the deep pits and got out.



Suspect's impassioned plea: "I don't know. I don't remember. I blacked out."

The sky was becoming light, although the sun was not yet up. Zielinski walked about with a fear that he would find what he prayed not to discover. And then, to his horror, he saw the body of his daughter, Vickie. She lay with her head crushed, her body partially undressed. A pool of blood glistened in the purple light of dawn.

After the report that the girl's body bad been found beaten to death a wide search for clues was begun by investigating officers. One squad car found blood-stained trousers and shoes in a field on Oak Street in Ramsey, a short distance from the home of Edgar Smith's parents. A section of police investigators began questioning friends and class-mates of the slain teenager. But it was Bill Wallace, who led detectives to Edgar Smith.

Wallace, upon entering his car, which be had loaned Smith, saw several blood spots on the floor mat. He knew of the police hunt for the killer of the Zielinski girl and so he immediately reported the tell-tale signs to authorities. The hunt closed in on Edgar Smith, ex-marine, and young father.

The arrest of Smith immediately followed when he, under questioning, denied knowing the girl but collapsed in tears when confronted with the blood-stained shoes and trousers.

"Yes, I know Vickie," he admitted through his sobs.

He reenacted his encounter with the school-girl, but when a detective asked him about the actual killing at the sand-pits the ex-marine cried, "I don't know—I don't remember. I blacked out."

Patricia Smith, wife of the suspect, when informed of her husband's arrest for the slaying of Vickie Zielinski, wept and repeatedly uttered, "I don't believe it, I don't believe it."

The truck driver father of the dead girl closed his fists as police told him of Edgar Smith and said, "Just turn him over to me. Only let me give him full treatment for what be did. Then I'll be satisfied."

Mrs. Zielinski, mother of the girl, said softly, "I'd like to see him receive all that's coming to him. If I bad my say, I would like to give him all that he gave our daughter."

And said Bergen County Prosecutor Guy W. Calissi, "Smith is a cool customer. I can't say he admitted anything—but he signed a statement. Let's put it that way."

While the suspected slayer of Vickie hugged the newspaper headlines, police authorities delved into his background. It was learned that Smith had no police record and that he had been a marine who was discharged for medical reasons. He had a spotty employment record and at the time of his arrest was not working. The slain girl's sisters reported that he had frequently talked with them to encourage Vickie to liking him. A neighbor of the young man remarked, "I knew Eddie quite well. He's a twenty-three-year-old teenager, so to speak. A little fish who wanted to be a big whale. He's basically a nice kid, but very mixed up."

Young Edgar Smith waived a preliminary hearing when Magistrate J. Frank Young entered a mandatory not guilty plea at the brief hearing of the alleged killer.

The slender but wiry blond youth looked grave as be asked, "Is there any bail?"

"No," the court said.

Smith swayed as if he would faint but the strong arm of an attendant held him steady. He seemed to lift his eyes in a prayerful manner and was heard to whisper, "Help me."

A police guard led the broken-hearted youth to a cell.

And at the Zielinski home, in an atmosphere of great sorrow, as the family prepared for the burial of Vickie, dressed in her favorite blue gown and blue matching slippers, Mrs. Zielinski had one final statement to make. She said, "I was boping be would be caught, but I didn't think it would be so fast. Thank God."

EDITOa'S NOTE: *To protect the innocent, the name Bill Wallace is fictitious as used here.*

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Lovely Wanda's fingers were trigger-happy!

TIGER WOMAN'S SWEET REVENGE

by Henry Howard

IT ISN'T OFTEN that a male has two beautiful women battling over him, particularly when he is as paunchy and as middle-aged as Godfrey Barrington. It is even more remarkable when one of the two battling lovelies is as young and as brainy as Wanda Stopa. Whatever Godfrey Barrington may have had was invisible to the naked eye. No such libel could be leveled at Wanda Stopa.

At 21, Wanda was a member of the Illinois bar, the youngest woman lawyer ever admitted to practice; at 22, she was a deputy assistant United States Attorney General, ditto the youngest ever appointed; at 23 she was a murderess, and her life and her career were virtually finished.

Godfrey Barrington—"Just call me Barry," he told innumerable admiring females—was a fabulously successful commercial advertising artist with a studio on East Ohio Street, in Chicago. In his mid-fifties, he was of polished and urbane manner, full of glib phrases designed to turn the heads of far more experienced women than the brainy but naive Wanda.

The beautiful Pole's complete and instant adoration of him at first meeting, her generous, unstinted giving of herself, should have flattered his aging vanity, touched his heart with its great sincerity. Indeed, there is ample evidence that it did do just that—at first. But Wanda, like most beautiful women in love, was demanding. And when her demands began to include marriage, Barrington speedily lost interest. He jilted her with coldly grim and unsentimental detachment. Then Wanda thought upon murder.

It is likely that Barrington's role in Wanda's ruination was more or less coincidental. Actually, she was already married when she first met him, and no celibate. Secondly, her downfall appeared to be caused by inherent weakness within herself. It is certain that long before she met Godfrey Barrington, Wanda's downfall was well under way, for her husband, "Count" Theodore Glaskoff, introduced her to morphine.

Despite her undeniably great beauty—a gorgeous, voluptuous figure, milky white, baby-smooth skin, and classic features surmounted by a lovely halo of soft, shining brown hair—before Wanda met the Count she had been relatively innocent.

Raised in a strict, conservative Catholic family on Augusta Street, in the "Little Poland" section of Chicago, she had been closely supervised by her mother, her father and two older brothers. Her father was a sculptor, and she was constantly made aware of her aristocratic lineage through her grandfather, a Polish nobleman dispossessed of his lands near Warsaw and exiled for fomenting revolution against the ruling Czar of Russia.

Though it was not in the accepted Old Country tradition, her family, increasingly aware of her quicksilver mind, her brilliant intellectual perception, had encouraged her to study, and finally to embrace the law. At 21, she was graduated at the top of her class in law school; and less than a year later, confirmed a member of the staff of the United States Attorney in Chicago.

Meanwhile, her family had returned to Poland to visit. Wanda, for the first time in her life was freed of all shackles and old-fashioned, family guidance. She moved into a quite proper residence club for "professional women"—the term "bachelor girls" had not yet been coined—and began by being invited to quite proper parties. In an amazingly short time she was being invited to parties that were not quite so proper, and at one of these she first met the "Count."

Tall, not unhandsome, sensuous-lipped and oily-haired, he was variously known, for reasons of his own, as Vladimir Glaskov, Zdislaw Glasko, and Count Theodore Glaskoff.

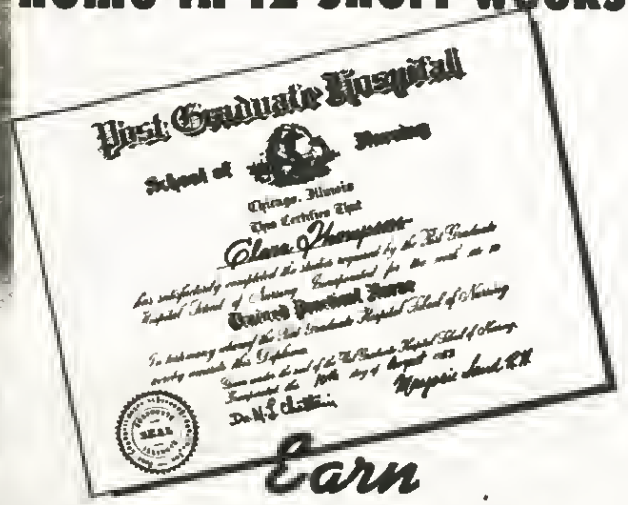
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SEX KILLER'S DEADLY DESIRES

By Sam Carson

THE PEOPLE of Rockland County were shocked by a vicious sex crime in quiet, peaceful Spring Valley, some 30 miles north of New York City. Two young, innocent girls, Esther Frances Nagy and Marjorie Boudreau, were assaulted and brutally murdered on a Sunday afternoon in March near their playground at the Lakeside Cottage School. Frightened mothers kept their children at home behind locked doors while the vast dragnet, searching for the killer, was spread over the snow-covered mountain area on the west shore of the Hudson River. A murderer was still at large.

AFTER ESTHER NAGY'S mother died four years ago when she was only two, her father sent her to the Lakeside Cottage School at Spring Valley because he was afraid she might be hurt playing in the street outside their apartment in the Bronx. The Lakeside School is not a place for delinquents, but a privately-endowed home for dependent children whose parents are unable to take care of them. It is a much sought-after home where intelligent children are given a new start in life.

Marjorie Boudreau, eight, had been at the school for two years. She was one of a family of 14 children whose parents had separated. There wasn't enough money coming in for her mother to buy the necessities of life for the large Boudreau family, and the Department of Welfare recommended that Marjorie be sent to Spring Valley.

The school consists of 10 main buildings and several smaller cottages, and two big brick dormitories—one for boys and one for girls. The thickly-wooded area in the two hundred yards behind the school is known as the "Forbidden Forest," called that by the children because they are never supposed to enter it alone.

The school grounds cover 150 acres, all enclosed by a six-foot-high fence. There are 144 boys and girls at Lakeside, and one house mother for every 12 children. Their outdoor play is carefully supervised.

Even so, it was possible for two



Youthful slayer points to the scene of his crime. Tiny Esther Nagy, his victim, lies crumpled in death in o snow covered woodland near girls school.



of them to slip away from the school's playground, unnoticed, late in the afternoon of Sunday, March 8th, 1953.

When Esther Nagy and Marjorie Boudreau failed to return to their dormitory at 5 P.M. to watch a television show, their house mother reported them missing. The two girls had last been seen by a playmate at four o'clock when they left the administration building on their way back to the playground.

Some of the older children immediately were sent out to look for the missing girls. Esther, not quite six years old, was a delicate little blue-eyed blonde. Dark-haired Marjorie, three years older, had a sweet smile and wide-set brown eyes. The two girls were dressed alike in dungarees and T-shirts, snowsuit pants, red overshoes, windbreakers and tasseled hats with bows under the chin.

For almost an hour, the search continued without success. Not a trace of either girl could be discovered anywhere on the grounds. Then, at 5:45, two of the older boys from the school suddenly came across Marjorie's battered body. She lay face down in a thicket of the Forbidden Forest, a half-mile from the school and about the same distance from Hungry Hollow Road. The back of her head had been crushed, and her snowsuit was ripped and torn.

The boys who made the gruesome discovery notified Russell Wright, the school's director. He immediately telephoned Chief Abe Stern of the Ramapo Township police and Dr. Max J. Moses of Spring Valley, the Rockland County coroner.

Within a few minutes Chief Stern and Dr. Moses reached the scene in two cars, accompanied by Sgt. Lloyd Goetschius and several township patrolmen. The coroner knelt beside the crumpled body of the little girl and made a brief examination. There were tears in his eyes when he arose. "This is a pitiful thing," Dr. Moses said, "and a horrible one. The child has been dead for only about an hour. Her skull was fractured by blows with a very heavy instrument."

Chief Stern gave the coroner a searching look. "Was she molested?" he asked.

Dr. Moses nodded. "That's putting it mildly. She was sexually assaulted viciously, probably by a pervert."

Although there had been no other recent sex crimes in the quiet community, the officers were well aware that a maniac could have escaped from one of the several institutions in the county. Rockland State Hospital for the Insane was only five miles away. Nearby also were Matteawan State Hospital for



Patrolmon Lester Teicher holds leash of the bloodhounds as Officers Monuli ond Goetschius seorch the Forbidden Forest for the slayer of two young school girls.

the Criminally Insane, and Letchworth Village for defectives.

This was not the only possibility. Less than six months before, on October 25th, two hunters had been slain in the same Ramapo Township area. Ramapo Town Clerk Robert Nugent, 46, and Charles E. Simpson, 38, of Saddle River, N. J., were found shot to death near the carcass of a deer just 11 miles from the Lakeside school.

This double murder was still unsolved. Had the same sniper who killed the hunters stalked the Forbidden Forest in search of a younger victim? Was it he who lured Marjorie Boudreau into the woods, ravished her and beat her to death?

Stern and his men were discussing these possibilities when a squad of state troopers arrived from the New York City barracks, led by Cpl. Clarence Sullivan. One trooper held a brace of baying bloodhounds on a taut leash, straining to be put on the killer's trail.

A search of the surrounding area meanwhile had failed to produce either the bloodstained rock with which the girl had been slain, or any other clue. The tramping of the searchers and school staff members on the snow-covered ground had obliterated any footprints which the killer might have left. Neither was there any sign of what had happened to the second missing girl, little Esther Nagy. Chief Stern and the other officers feared the worst.

"The killer either has kidnaped the Nagy girl and taken her away from this area," Stern reasoned, "or he has murdered her also and hidden her body. But if there's the barest chance that she's still alive, we've got to grab him before he kills her."

Joined now by Sheriff J. Henry Mock and his deputies, the officers moved swiftly to throw out a dragnet for the slayer, fully aware that it might turn up another victim before he was caught.

As the ambulance rolled away with the still-warm body of Marjorie Boudreau on its way to Rockland State Hospital morgue for an autopsy, the troopers unleashed their bloodhounds at the scene. After a few moments of frantic nuzzling and darting around the thicket, the dogs picked up a scent and dashed headlong into the woods with Corporal Sullivan close behind.

Other officers made a quick check with authorities at Rockland hospital and learned that none of its patients had escaped recently, and that all were accounted for at the time. Similar reports were obtained from officials of the other near-by mental institutions, including Matteawan and Letchworth.

No suspicious persons had been seen near the school, the officers were told, and no male visitors had been allowed there during the week-end.

Careful questioning of teachers and house mothers, including those who had charge of the Boudreau and Nagy girls, failed to cast any light on the mystery. They described the two children as sweet, good-natured and well-behaved. Marjorie and Esther had been constant companions during the past year, and got along well with all of the other children.

"We've never had any serious trouble here at Lakeside before," one of the staff members declared. "I just can't understand how such a thing could happen here."

Throughout the early evening, the investigators prowled over the school grounds and continued to question its staff, particularly the 10 men employed there. Searching parties of deputies and volunteers, armed with powerful electric torches, beat through the woods and up and down the hills and valleys of Ramapo Township in their hunt for the killer or some clue which would put them on his trail.

Shortly before midnight, six hours after the body of Marjorie Boudreau was discovered, the bloodhounds led the officers to the pathetic corpse of little Esther Nagy. The blonde child lay on her back under a fallen tree in another thicket, some 250 yards from where Marjorie had been found. The slayer had hidden her there in an apparent attempt to avoid discovery.

Unlike Marjorie, who had her skull crushed, Esther had been stabbed in the back with a large knife. Her shoes, stockings and red overshoes had been removed. Her snowsuit and underclothing had been ripped and torn, like Marjorie's, in a vicious sexual attack.

This was quickly established by Coroner Moses, summoned back to the scene by Chief Stern. Esther had been killed around the same time Marjorie had met her death, Dr. Moses reported. The coroner saw some significance in the fact that the Nagy girl's shoes were missing. Although her stockings lay near-by, her shoes could not be found, and apparently had been taken by the killer. A sex maniac, it was pointed out, often takes with him some item of clothing worn by his victim.

A thorough search of the terrain around the scene failed to produce either the lethal knife or any clues. But a few minutes later, Sergeant Goetschius and Patrolman Lester Teicher found the Nagy girl's red overshoes, still containing her tiny slippers. The overshoes lay some 25 yards deeper in the woods, where they had been dropped by the slayer. A trail of blood led from this point to the body, indicating that the girl had been stabbed near where the boots were found.

Bloodhounds were immediately brought to the spot and turned loose on this new trail after scenting the crimson spots on the snow-covered ground. But again the dogs began to circle around in confusion after following the trail for a few

hundred yards. Either the killer had succeeded in covering his tracks, the officers decided, or he had doubled back over his original trail.

In the latter case, the murderer would have returned to the edge of the Lakeside school grounds. It seemed improbable that he would do so and run the risk of capture.

"That is," Chief Stern told Sheriff Mock, "unless our man knew he could hide somewhere around the school."

Mock nodded. "I have the same hunch," he declared. "We'll requestion the older students and the staff. Maybe the answer to this puzzle is right there under our noses."

The search for the slayer of the two little girls continued unabated throughout the night. Roadblocks were set up and the occupants of all cars leaving the area were questioned. The woods and the countryside were alive with searchers, combing the underbrush, checking at every occupied house and searching all the camp sites closed for the winter. A second check was begun of all the mental institutions in the area.

All day Monday, the officers questioned the personnel and pupils of the school, residents of the immediate area and even citizens of near-by villages in an effort to develop a tangible lead. The most important information they gleaned was the report of a house mother at the school who told the officers that on Sunday afternoon she saw a boy about 17 or 18 years old watching Marjorie and Esther as they played on the school grounds. That was only a few hours before they found Marjorie.

On the basis of the woman's story, Chief Stern and Sheriff Mock rounded up 15 boys for questioning, most of them near-by residents. Three of the boys, respecively 14, 15 and 17, were students at the Lakeside School. Through questioning the three, the officers learned that a fourth boy, a tall, gawky, 16-year-old named Carlton N. Mason, had possessed a large hunting knife of the type used to kill Esther Nagy. Ironically, Mason had been one of the two boys who found the Boudreau girl's body. It was he who had carried her limp figure from the scene to the school's infirmary, where it was examined by the coroner.

Asked to produce his knife, Mason said that he had lost it Sunday afternoon when he threw it at a tree in the woods.

Young Mason was unable to account for a half-hour of his time prior to the disappearance of the girls. He said merely that he was "walking around the grounds." Taken before the house mother who had seen a youth eyeing the girls suspiciously, Mason vigorously denied he was the one she had observed. The woman was unsure, but said he could have been the boy.

On Tuesday, Stern and Mock asked Mason to lead them to the spot where he had lost his long-bladed knife. The youth took the officers into the Forbidden Forest and up to a large tree only a few yards from where the body of Marjorie Boudreau was found. An intensive search was made around the base of the tree, but the knife was not discovered.

The state police sent for two electronic mine detectors and brought them into play, covering the entire area, inch by inch, in an effort to locate the missing weapon. A dozen troopers and nine detectives were engaged in the search, which also included dragging a near-by pond. But no trace of any knife had been found by Wednesday.

The officers meanwhile had centered their suspicions on Carlton Mason. He was unable to account for his activities just before the two victims vanished. He was known to possess a knife like the one used to kill Esther Nagy, and he could not produce it. His story that he had "lost" it sounded lame, indeed. Added to all these suspicious circumstances, it was learned that Mason had been accused of indecent sex acts by other children at the school.

By this time the officers were convinced that the killer was a student at the school since the two girls would not have entered the woods with a stranger. There was a second youth, also 16, who could not account for his activities during the hour before the victims had disappeared. His general appearance was the same as Mason's, tall and gawky, and the house mother who had seen the suspected slayer conceded that he might have been the one she had observed. He bitterly denied this.

The only course Stern and Mock could take, pending discovery of the knife which had killed Esther Nagy, was to subject both boys to lie-detector tests. Obviously, one of them was not telling the truth.

Late Wednesday, young Mason and the second youth were taken to the office of District Attorney John A. Shaken in New City. There they were separately questioned while their physical reactions were recorded by the polygraph, or lie detector, under the supervision of William Kirwin, director of the State Police Laboratory at Troy.

That evening, Kirwin returned to Troy with the graphs to study the results of the tests and evaluate

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Victims of brutal assault: Esther Nagy and (R.) Marjorie Boudreau. A vast police dragnet, tracking their killer, was spread over mountain area of Hudson River.





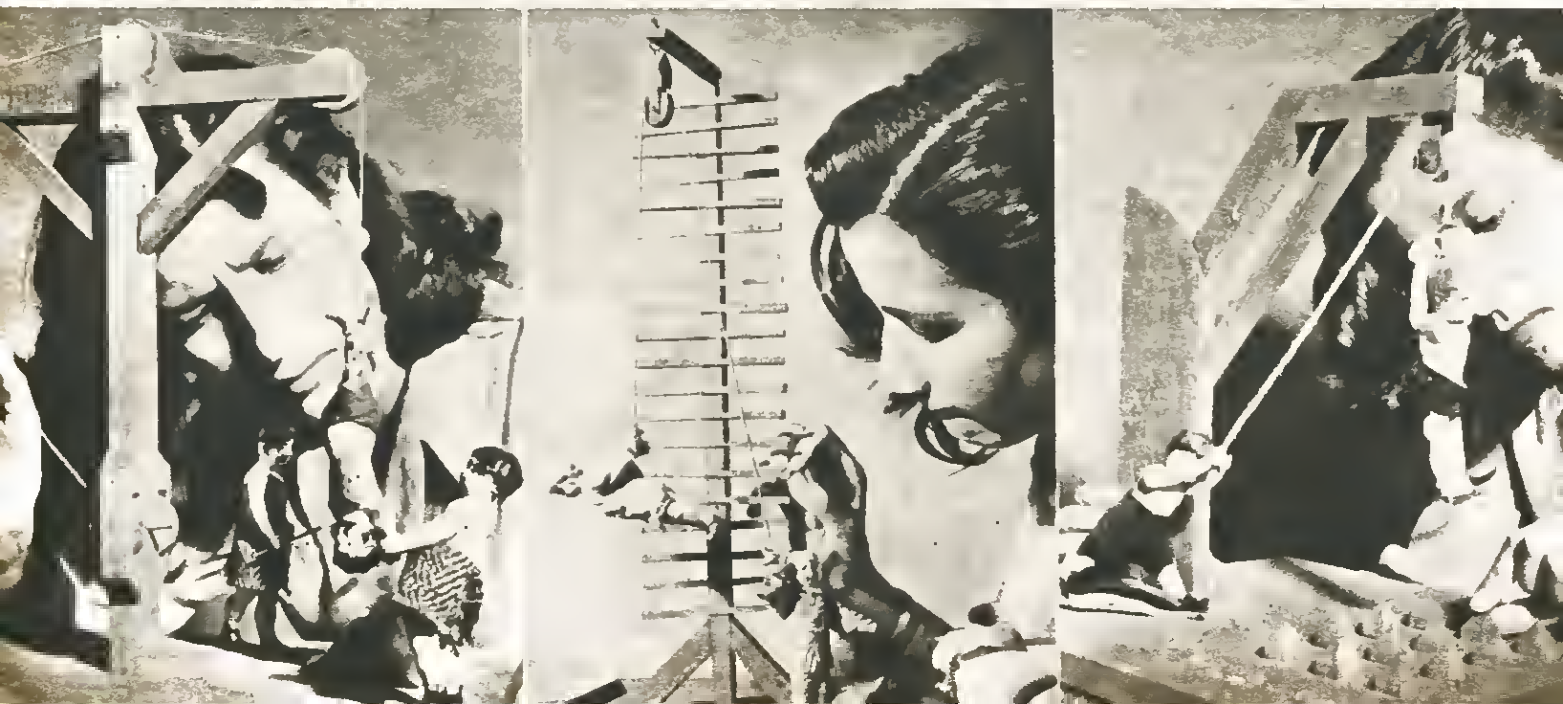
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On the "ladder" culprit wos tied to a cord, hung on o pulley, ond bonged successively on each rung of ladder.

Another type of torture with o cord: the culprit was made to foll on spikes until he was ready ta confess crimes.



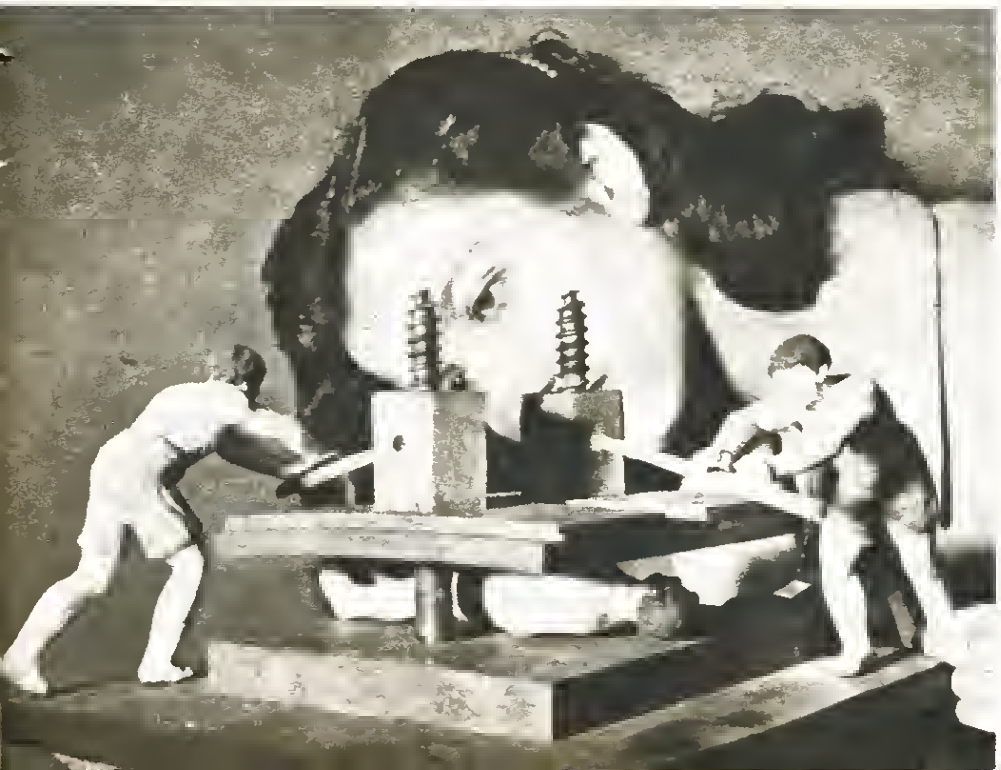


Hoofs of bull were attached to smugglers' boots to evade police. (Center) "The Virgin of Nuremburg" or Iron Maiden. Victim was placed inside and when the door closed, iron spikes penetrated the body. (R.) Prisoner's collar of nails, used in 1500.

The ancient Romans were probably the most scientific sadists of all time. Here is a photo look at some of their choicer techniques for torture . . .

TRUE MYSTERY PHOTO FEATURE

Scrounch! And the victim is squoshed by the torture of the press. Screws were twisted until the poin reached the limits of humon endurance (ond often beyond).



SCIENTIFIC SADISM has seldom had a more graphic exposé than in the blood-chilling exhibits now open to the public in the Criminal Museum of Rome. In order to give a more vivid idea of the instruments of torture and sadism, the organizers of the Museum have made some dummies which are submitted to torture.

Originally, torture was almost unknown to the Romans, at least until the days of the Empire, when it was adopted to punish crimes against the state. In the Middle Ages, it became popular and had its beight in 1500 and 1600. It disappeared after the French Revolution.

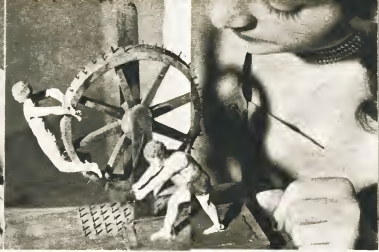
The Criminal Museum of Rome, founded in 1932, is an ex-prison. The objects exhibited are divided according to a certain order, with the object of illustrating crime in its various forms and modes of carrying out the sentences.

One of the most unique machines designed by the scientific sadists was the famous *"Bull of Falardes."* It is told that Falarides, Tyrant of Agrgento between 570 and 550 B.C., had

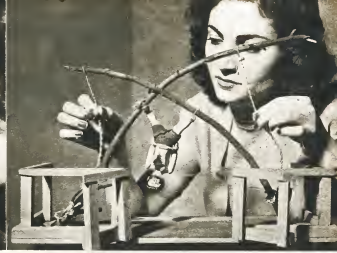
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The threstle was one of commonest tortures and consisted in the pulling apart of limbs by tying with cords, one around neck and feet, and pulling by winches.



On the spiked wheel, culprit passed over and over again on a series of iron teeth placed on the ground. This was usually coupled with fire torture.



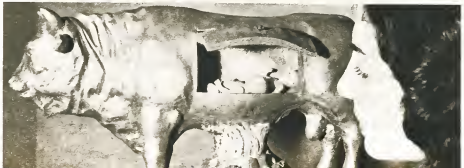
Quartering was accomplished by means of two trees drawn apart and then suddenly let go. This torture was particularly popular among the barbarian tribes.



(Above) Treason was punished by "quartering." Horses were tied to each arm and leg and then made to gallop off in opposite directions. Assassin of Henry IV was killed this way.



Wooden winches on threstle, used to pull victims apart. (Below) Culprit was placed in belly of bronze bull and fire lighted underneath, screams sounded like bellowing of bull.



(R.) Torture of keeping victim always awake. If about to fall asleep, he was pulled by pulley and jarred awake.



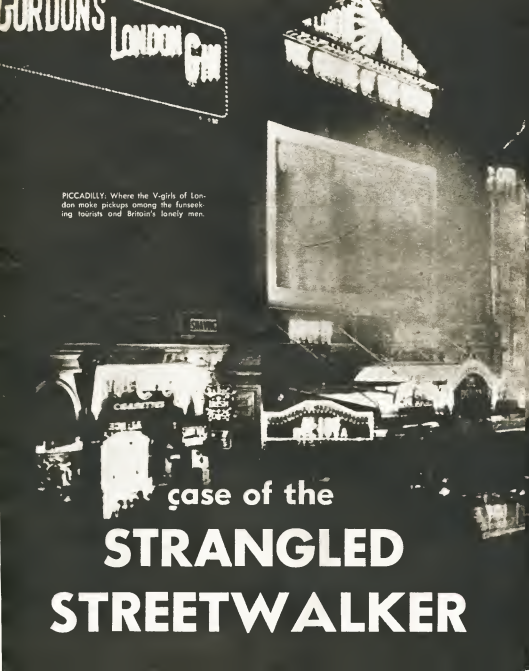
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this bronze bull constructed to be used against his enemies. The victim was placed inside the hull and underneath it a fire was lighted. The screams of the unfortunate victim in issuing from the throat of the bull sounded like the bellowing of the animal—much to the amusement and entertainment of the tyrant and his court. The original "hull" was never found, but the Romans discovered a similar one at Carthage.

One of the most popular, and particularly gruesome, methods of ancient torture was "quartering" by horses. To each leg and arm of the victim was tied a horse. Urged on by men with whips, the beasts would then gallop off in opposite directions, literally tearing the victim limb from limb.

Another type of quartering was accomplished by means of two trees drawn apart and then suddenly let go. This torture was used widely among the barbarian hordes. In Europe, it was used in isolated cases in the Middle Ages during the persecution of religious heretics. Against these inhuman practices scientists and men of law of all times protested; among others was Cesare Beccaria who in 1764 wrote his celebrated treatise "Of crimes and punishments" opening the way to newer and more humane ideas.

THE END



PICCADILLY. Where the V-girls of London make pickups among the funseeking tourists and Britain's lonely men.

Her love had a price and when she tried to raise it there was only hell to pay!



case of the STRANGLED STREETWALKER

TRUE MYSTERY FEATURE CASE

By STEPHEN R. HOYT

THE LOCALE happens to be London but the moral is universal. An ominous warning to all young and pretty farm girls who venture recklessly to the big city.

Agnes Walsh was one of these, a tall and straight-legged charmer fresh from her father's potato patch in County Galway, Ireland.

The smell of peat perfumed her dark, shining hair and the bloom of roses painted her petal-white cheeks. It was there even when Arthur Buxton opened her hotel door that ill-fated Saturday morning.

To Buxton, proprietor of the *Laura Hotel* hard by Paddington Station, Agnes Walsh was not Agnes Walsh. She was "Mrs. Davidson of County Durham, England"—or so she had registered at 1:30 A.M.



VICTIM of strangler (l), with her sister Margaret (r.) went to London to see the bright lights and fun of Piccadilly. She got life of shame and death, instead.

Actually, "Mr. Davidson" had done the registering; a slight, sandy-complexioned little man in his late 20's, with thinning red hair and an indeterminate accent. Though he carried no luggage, the couple were assigned to a secluded end room on the fifth-floor; "the bridal suite" it was called.

"Mrs. Davidson" had left orders for tea and crumpets at 10 A.M., but when Arthur Buxton knocked on the door, the couple failed to answer. Impatiently, he pushed open the door with his tray-free hand.

To the proprietor of the *Laura Hotel*, "Mrs. Davidson of County Durham,"—whoever she really was, whatever she actually had been—represented nothing so much now as a threat to his fair name of hotel keeper. For she lay very nude and very much murdered on his clean, new Turkish-style carpet. Buxton backed hastily from the room, spilling the tea and crumpets in the process.

In law-abiding, abundantly civilized England, a 999 call to Scotland Yard is seldom really necessary. When it is, the Murder Squad answers.

Arthur Buxton made such a call now, and Chief Superintendent Peter Beveridge and his aide, Inspector Evan Davies, trench-coat and briar-pipe men both of them, responded quickly. They reached the *Laura Hotel* in minutes.

The unknown nude was beautiful even in murder. Her arms and legs were sprawled open as if for embrace. She was pale but not too much so. Only by the handkerchief gag in her mouth, her nylon stocking wrapped tight around her neck, had the strangler spoiled the illusion of deep restful sleep.

The room itself was a shambles. Agnes, well-developed by years of farm work, had given "Mr. Davidson" a lusty fight for it. Clothes and bedding were strewn over the floor. The chairs and table were turned over, and even the large dresser bureau was tipped back on two legs against the wall.

Despite this, Arthur Buxton, the hotel staff and the lodgers denied hearing any untoward commotion during the night.

Beveridge surveyed them skeptically. "Oh, come off it now," he scoffed. "You mean to tell me that not a blooming one of you heard any racket? Even the deaf have ears for death, you know." But nobody would admit anything. The night had been as peaceful as an old maid's prayer, they said.

Davies pointed to the dead girl's scarlet handbag, gaping empty on the red-stained floor. "Robbery's not bloody likely the line of a husband, you know."

He looked sharply at Arthur Buxton. "You're certain that this couple was married?"

The little hotel proprietor drew himself to his full five-five. "Sir, I run a respectable house."

The detective grunted and asked details of the couple's arrival.

The night was soupy and the couple had come by taxi. Both were hatless and wore tan trench coats. The man was dressed in a gray tweed suit and spoke with an accent barely understandable to Buxton, the cockney.

"He might have been Polish—or even Welsh," he surmised. He admitted that "Davidson" had written his signature on the register unevenly, apparently undecided what name to use and how to spell it. The writing was barely decipherable.

"Not much of a clue," Beveridge said. He ordered the identification men to photograph it and make copies for distribution. Meanwhile, the cream-colored door of the murder room was unhinged and sent to the Home Office crime lab for study. It was smeared with blood.

The room itself was dusted for prints and the girl's body sent to Paddington Mortuary for examination by Dr. F. E. Camps, Home Office pathologist.

The dead girl's identity did not remain long in doubt. Among her few, pathetic possessions, police found an envelope addressed to Margaret Walsh, at Mornington Terrace, Camden Town, London, N. W. The Metropolitan Police quickly visited the addressee.

She, too, was tall and beautiful, almost a twin of the one lying in death. She told the police, "From your description, I'm afraid the murdered girl is my sister, Agnes." At Paddington Mortuary she confirmed the identity.

There were no tears in Margaret Walsh's eyes, just sorrowful reproach. "I'm afraid I've let Father down," she said, and explained: "When Agnes came to London, Father insisted that I accompany her. I was the quiet one. Agnes was more flighty and, while she was always Father's favorite, he recognized her weaknesses. He was afraid she'd get into trouble unless I watched over her.

"We got jobs as waitresses with a restaurant. But Agnes was headstrong and independent. She sassed the customers and dated them if it pleased her. Lately I'd lost all control over her. We still roomed together but sometimes she wouldn't come home for days. So I thought nothing of it when she didn't show up all Saturday. Besides, it's the beginning of the Whitsun Bank Holiday and I thought she'd gone away without telling me. That would be typical of the way she behaved."

"When did you see her last?" Beveridge asked.

"About one A.M. Saturday morning. We'd taken the train down to Piccadilly for a breath of fresh air and a look at the bright lights—Agnes loved them so. We were strolling along when a man approached and spoke to Agnes. I suppose I should have been mad but I'm used to it by now. I thought she knew him when they walked off together.

"They talked very earnestly a few minutes, then Agnes said she'd see me later and went off with him."

Margaret described the man as slender, sandy-haired and wearing a trench coat, the same description as "Mr. Davidson." Beveridge had no

doubt he was Agnes Walsh's strangler.

The detective peered at Margaret quizzically. "And that is all you know about it?"

"That's all, so help me," the sister replied demurely. She could add only that the man had been very courteous and soft-spoken, with a strange accent that the Galway girl couldn't place.

"Did Agnes have many boy friends?" Beveridge wanted to know.

"Not any that came to our rooms," Margaret said. "But she had an address book of men's names and phone numbers."

Unfortunately the black book was missing from Agnes' rifled purse, along with two pound banknotes and a snake bracelet with gold-plated wrist watch.

Disappearance of the book led Beveridge to hope that it contained the strangler's name. He had Margaret Walsh draw up a list of Agnes' known men friends while a squad of bobbies canvassed the section's pubs and pawnshops for a clue to the watch and the killer.

Further confirmation of his description, if any was needed, came with the arrival at the Yard of two cab drivers. One had driven the pair to the *Laura Hotel* direct from Picadilly Circus. The other had taxied the strangler from the crime at 5:30 in the morning. He reported that he had picked up the man, his face now badly scratched, a block from the *Laura Hotel*. He had dropped him near Victoria Station, he said.

To Beveridge it sounded as if the quarry had fled London, even England, for Victoria Station is the railroad terminal for South Coast seashore resorts and Channel ports. Had the strangler, with the possible foreign accent, skipped to the Continent?

Checkpoints were set up at all terminals and railroad stations, and the floodtide of vacationists exiting from London was slowed to a thin trickle by the search.

Meanwhile, Dr. Camps and the identification experts had completed their reports. To nobody's surprise Agnes Walsh had engaged in sex just prior to her death—a multiplicity of sex in a variety of forms. That the killer was a sex maniac there could be little doubt. Certain fresh markings within and out indicated sadistic practices, which might have precipitated the quarrel.

She had battled back valiantly. Dug from beneath her fingernails were strips of raw, human flesh and the gray cloth of the tweed coat; apskipped out, obviously suspecting that he was sought by the police.

Now the manhunt began in earnest—but with a difference. This time the police knew who they were after. Photos of Davidson and a description of him were radioed throughout the United Kingdom and to the police at all seaports and roads crossing the Scottish border. But Davidson was not to be found.

Speeding away from home just a half hour before the police arrived, he was shrewd enough to realize that his car would be readily identified. Yet without it he couldn't get anywhere. Still he had no intention of surrendering, for he was fully aware of the swift, stern penalty that British justice metes out for the crime of murder.

He hadn't really meant to kill the girl. If only she didn't act such a

STRANGLER of prostitute was the object of a manhunt that swept Britain.



bloody fool. They'd agreed to terms before going to the *Laura*. Yet when he dressed she insisted on more money.

He'd tried to laugh it off, but got mad when she started to scratch him. That's all there was to it.

Well it was too late now. But he didn't want to die. Two wrongs don't make a right. After all she had brought it on herself.

He wondered where to go, and thought of Finchale Priory. As a youngster he'd played under its crumbling medieval walls and in the thick, surrounding birches. And he remembered seeing the abandoned trailer there a few months ago.

He could only procure food by foraging in the fields of nearby farmers, but at least he would have time to think clearly, and to plan a course of action.

The following morning Farmer Franz Roesler thought he saw someone enter the trailer. Though not parked directly on his acreage, Roesler had been asked to keep it free of itinerants and squatters. His shotgun in the crook of his arm, he trudged across a field to investigate.

As he approached a face peered furtively from a dark window. Then Roesler heard a terrible blast. The trailer door tore off its hinges. The roof bulged like a blister of paint.

A man staggered out of the door, bleeding and his clothes burning. A revolver was clutched in his right hand.

He staggered a few yards and collapsed. Roesler ran to him, beat out the flames.

The man was unconscious. Powder burns blackened his temple where he had shot himself. He died in an ambulance on the way to Newcastle General Hospital.

He was quickly identified as Donald Davidson. Police examined the interior of the trailer, determined that Davidson had committed suicide, though in a much more horrible manner than he had anticipated.

He had sealed the windows and doors with cushions, opened the vent of the portable gas stove to asphyxiate himself. But the gas was nontoxic, would not induce death or even insensibility.

Then Davidson shot himself. A tiny spark from the revolver ignited the gas, caused the explosion. Thus Donald Davidson cheated the law, but not justice. For one brief moment at least he had suffered horrors comparable to those he had so callously inflicted on poor, misguided Agnes Walsh.

That he was her strangler the police took as much pains to prove as if they were readying his case for the Assizes. First. Davidson's fingerprints were compared with those on the bloodstained door of the murder room. They matched perfectly. Then Arthur Buxton was driven from London to the mortuary at Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he identified Davidson as the man who had registered with Agnes Walsh. At the inquest, Dr. H. Holden of the London Metropolitan Police laboratory testified that the hairs and pieces of gray tweed removed from Agnes Walsh's fingernails matched the hairs of Davidson's head and his gray tweed jacket.

With this corroborating evidence, Scotland Yard closed its file on the murder of Agnes Walsh, satisfied that she had been strangled by Donald Davidson. Davidson's fate, while not determined by a British court, had been referred to a Higher Jurisdiction, where even fallen angels like Agnes Walsh can exact justice from those who have wronged them.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *In order to protect persons innocently involved in this case, the names Arthur Buxton and Hubert Clarke are fictitious as used.*

THE END

KILL HER BY THE NEXT FULL MOON!



By Ken Arthur

A LITTLE after six o'clock on the Saturday evening of June 23rd, the call arrived at the Malone, New York barracks of the New York State Police. Picking up the phone, Lieutenant Harold Herrick listened intently for a moment, his face clouding.

"And you say she left the house at nine o'clock bound for this girl friend's home and hasn't returned or phoned back since?" he inquired.

After a brief reply from the other end, the lieutenant pulled over a pad and pencil and made a few quick notations. "Okay, Sir," he said finally. "We'll look into the matter right away. And we'll keep in touch."

Cradling the receiver, the lieutenant pressed the desk buzzer, and in a moment Sergeant Gerald Woolsey and Trooper Alden Rosbrook were striding into the office. Herrick made it brief.

"An 18-year-old Onchiota girl named Cleo Tellstone, a senior at Saranac Lake High, has just been reported missing by her father. At nine this morning she left the house for the home of a girl friend from whom she was going to borrow an envelope, and she hasn't returned yet. She's a quiet, home-loving type who's never done anything like this before, so naturally her family's worried. So supposing you two get busy and see what you can find out. Here's her description and her girl friend's name and address. Hop to it."

The troopers did not dally. Ten minutes later, they were pulling up in front of the girl friend's home. There, a brief interview with the girl in question disclosed that Cleo Tellstone had arrived there at about 9:30 and had left soon afterwards with the announcement that she was walking to the post office at Vermontville to mail a letter. She had been in the best of spirits, the friend said, and she had made no mention of any "date" or other plans for the day.

Further questioning in the vicinity soon unearthed a second young lady who told the same story. She had encountered Cleo on the road about halfway between Onchiota and Vermontville and, following the exchange of amenities, Cleo had continued on her way toward the latter village.

"At least we've stumbled onto her trail," Woolsey observed, back in the cruiser. "I guess our best bet now, is to call at the farmhouses along the route. There aren't many of them and they're widely separated. Could be somebody in one of the houses might have seen something."

Rosbrook nodded. "Yes, if she was okay when she left her friend at the halfway point, then whatever happened to her must have occurred between there and the village of

On her lovely exposed flesh was the unmistakable mark of the brutal slayer who had crushed her to death . . .

Vermontville, New York.

"Or between the village and home on the return trip," Woolsey said.

As it turned out, only eleven houses lined the road between the halfway point and Vermontville, but a questioning of the occupants failed to turn up a single soul who had seen anything of the girl. Accordingly, the officers decided to try another tack—a canvass of the Tellstone girl's closest friends.

The canvass netted them a valuable item of information via a girl named Betty Freen, a classmate of the missing girl. The latter revealed that she had encountered Cleo on a deserted section of the Onchiota-Vermontville road shortly after ten A.M., and that after "gabbing back and forth" for a short while, they had parted. Cleo headed in the direction of Vermontville.

A minute or two later, the Freen girl went on, a stake truck heading for Vermontville had appeared, the driver slowing down as he came abreast of her to shout an invitation to get in. Overcome with fear, Betty had immediately started running for home, whereupon the driver had let out a loud raucous laugh and stepped on the gas.

In her confusion and near panic, the girl had not thought to make a mental note of the license number of the truck. However, she remembered that the truck was painted a dark color and that the driver had been tall, dark and young-looking.

The disclosure had the inevitable result. Lieutenant Herrick, on being informed, immediately got in touch with Captain Charles A. Broadfield, the commandant, who lost no time getting into action. Within two hours of his arrival, a force of over 150 boy scouts, farmers, and other volunteers under Woolsey's direction were engaged in an all-out search for the missing young girl.

Throughout the night the dense woodland east and north of Saranac Lake, the famous resort area of New York State, echoed to the baying of bloodhounds, the shouts of sleepless men, and the sharp crackling of dried brush. But morning dawned without their having unearthed any trace of the girl, or a hint as to the cause of her disappearance.

When he conferred with the commandant at eight o'clork that morning, Woolsey said, "For my money, it looks like we've got a rape case on our hands."

The day passed without incident. However, the following morning when Woolsey and Private Rosbrook were inspecting a section of wood terrain south of Bloomingdale, a farmer pulled up in his car and motioned them over.

"I read in the papers as how you fellows have been lookin' for a stake truck," he volunteered. "I saw one of those things over near my farm the day that girl vanished. Only that ain't all. The fellow driving it was acting suspicious," he added.

Woolsey stiffened. The information, if authentic, was the first lead to such a vehicle, which was uncommon in that part of the county.

"How do you mean—suspicious?" he asked.

"I was about 100 yards away when I first saw him," the farmer replied. "Guess he spotted me too, because he jumped in the truck and set out for Bloomingdale like someone was after him."

At the place where the farmer had seen the truck, Woolsey and Rosbrook found diamond-shaped tire impressions and deep prints made by large-sized shoes. In a short time Broadfield and other troopers reached the scene and a search of an abutting patch of woods got under way.

Lieutenant Harold Herrick, leading the group, came across a freshly broken length of sapling stained with a gummy substance. He picked it up in his handkerchief.

"Blood," he told the others.

In another few minutes the troopers entered a clearing. Rosbrook, who was slightly in advance, gave a startled cry. When the others rushed up, he pointed to a clump of brush. Partly hidden from sight lay the body of Cleo Tellstone.

She had been tossed there like a bundle of rags, her limbs askew and her clothing disarrayed. One foot was bare, the shoe lying a short distance away from the gruesome body of the girl.

As the troopers gazed awestricken at the spectacle, the pattern of murder became only too clear. Innocently lured to her death, the girl had been unmercifully beaten by a vicious slayer.

A trooper picked up a recently discarded cigarette butt. It bore no marking but it had a distinct cinnamon smell.

"Cubebs!" the trooper exclaimed. "I haven't run across one of these in years. Only a few stores handle them now. This butt could be a clue!"

He extracted two envelopes from his tunic pocket. In one he placed the cigarette stub, in the second he carefully enclosed the few strands of hair removed from the girl's clenched fist by Herrick.

By this time Franklin County Coroner Edward Cargill, a State Police photographer, and two technical men had arrived on the scene. Everything was quickly photographed from all angles and casts made of the footprints and tire tracks. Then, after leaving Cargill to arrange for the removal of the corpse to the parlors of a local undertaker where an autopsy was to be performed, the officers were ready to depart.

Broadfield began assigning his men. Troopers under Lieutenant Herrick were ordered to make an all-out search for the truck and its driver. Woolsey and Rosbrook were directed to check on all Cubeb smokers in the vicinity—if any could be found.

Broadfield had but one fear—that the Tellstone girl's killer was a transient who had escaped notice by using backroads, and who, by now, had put miles between himself and the authorities. However, the anger of the residents of the county, as the news spread like wildfire from town to town, fanned the flame of the commandant's determination to leave no stone unturned in the manhunt.

By noon a deluge of tips began

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(R.) Battered body of Cleo Tellstone was discovered in o clump of brush where she had been assaulted by killer.

TRUE MYSTERY FEATURE CASE

By LAUNCELOT WHIG

LEONARD TARRANCE and his father, Roy, were inseparable. They went everywhere together.

Leonard was often seen with his arm about his father's shoulders as they walked along the quiet streets of Jeffersontown, Kentucky, which was their home, or started out on a hunting or fishing expedition.

The bond of affection between father and son went even deeper.

For example, when Leonard, still in his teens, fathered two children out of wedlock his Dad was very philosophical about the matter, if not a little proud of his son's prowess. His attitude was one of "boys-will-be-boys" and "those things are bound to happen, you know."

As Roy Tarrance was to say, Leonard could no no wrong.

"I could never feel angry or anything but good toward Leonard," he said. "He'd do anything in the world for me. He'd die for me and I'd do the same for him."

On one occasion, when Leonard tried to pistol-whip another youth, and his victim struck back, his father grabbed the gun and shouted:

"Don't you hit my boy. If you do it again, I'll shoot you."

So, it was like that with Leonard Tarrance and his father Roy.

And it would be like that all of their lives . . .

BUT THIS CHRONICLE of sordidness, of savage senseless violence perhaps properly begins on the afternoon of February 28th, 1952, in Louisville, Kentucky, 15 miles distant from Jeffersontown, where the Tarrances made their home.

It begins with Francis J. McCormack, Louisville attorney, leaving a supermarket laden with purchases.

The market was situated at Oak and Fourth Streets, only a block from the 54-year-old lawyer's home where his wife, Mary, waited for him. Half an hour before, Mrs. McCormack had talked to her husband on the phone and had given him her grocery list.

McCormack stepped out into an alley behind the market and had walked only a few paces when he was set upon by two men. Five witnesses watched from a distance, in windows, as the pair slugged and pummeled McCormack unmercifully—and dragged him into a gray car and sped away.

It all happened so quickly that none of the witnesses had time to



HARRODS Creek gives up victim's body to police. Father and son killers (r.) paid the supreme penalty for murder.



"Boys will be boys", said the wild youth's father, when told of his lad's wrongdoing . . .

Prodigal Son

come to the lawyer's assistance. But they did have time to get the license number of the kidnap car, a gray Chevrolet.

But none of the witnesses had recognized either the victim of the savage attack, or bis assailants.

Tracing the car, bowever, was a simple matter. The trail led straight to Roy Tarrance, 46-year-old fireman in a Jeffersontown distillery.

The gray Chevrolet was standing in front of a neat, if small, frame house in Jeffersontown when police arrived. Heavy-set Roy Tarrance, the owner, came to the door when the officers knocked.

Certainly, said Tarrance, the car in front of the house was his. And, of course, nobody ever drove it but bimself. Had he been anywhere that day?

"About three o'clock this afternoon," he said, "I drove around looking for a friend. I looked for him for five bours. When I couldn't find bim, I came home."

Nobody believed Tarrance's story. Indeed, Sergeant James W. Bibb of the Louisville Crime Prevention Bureau doubted it so profoundly that Tarrance was brought into Louisville and paraded before the five witnesses.

Not one could identify him. To the chagrin of police, and the arrogant contempt of Tarrance, he was released.

ALL THAT NIGHT, Mary McCormack wondered and worried at the failure of her husband to come home. She telephoned Wilson Beatty, his law partner, who did his best to reassure her.

But when the night passed and morning came and still McCormack had not appeared, Beatty himself became alarmed and notified police.

No master mind was needed then to solve the mystery of the identity of the kidnap victim. It was done in sbort order when Mrs. McCormack recognized her husband's spectacles, picked up at the scene of the attack, and saw that the groceries strewn in the alley were the very same whicb were on ber list.

Beatty gave police all the information they needed to connect Tarrance with McCormack's kidnaping—although it was not readily apparent just what this connection might be.

McCormack, revealed Beatty, had for two years acted as attorney for Leonard Tarrance's 21-year-old wife, Gwendolyn, in a series of court actions whicb ranged from seduction to non-support.

Police set out to find Leonard Tarrance. It would certainly be worthwhile asking him a few questions.

They found that Leonard was an Army private at Fort Knox. But they did not find Leonard—for he had been AWOL for three weeks.

At the Fort, however, investigators obtained a picture of Leonard. When it was shown to tbe witnesses of the attack all were positive in their assertions—"That's one of them, for sure."

As an alarm went out for Leonard (who was already being sougbt by Military Police) investigators called again at the Tarrance home. They found bis mother there. They also found a blonde girl wbo identified herself as Myrtle Blevins, "Leonard's girl friend."

Both Mrs. Tarrance and Myrtle admitted that Leonard had been in the home Wednesday and Thursday —and Thursday was the day of the unfortunate Francis McCormack's kidnaping.

"He was home sick," Mrs. Tarrance said. "But he left Thursday night."

"He got food poisoning at Fort Knox," added Myrtle, "and they weren't giving him good treatment. So he came home."

Myrtle also explained that Leonard's wife, Gwendolyn, was making it tough on him, which was another reason for his taking off AWOL.

She could have been right in the second case, at least.

Gwendolyn Abbot and Leonard met in the fall of 1949 and soon she was spending weekends with bim and his family. Also soon enough, Gwendolyn informed Leonard that she was going to have a child and that he was the father.

Leonard's reaction to this announcement was something less than joyous. In fact, he was so annoyed and determined not to assume any responsibility in the affair that Gwendolyn took him to court on a charge of seduction.

McCormack represented Gwendolyn in this action and the charge was dropped when Leonard married the girl. But the reluctant husband had already abandoned Gwendolyn when a baby girl was born to her in August, 1950.

So Gwendolyn had Leonard in court again and he was ordered to pay $7.50 a week for support of the child.

Then Leonard was drafted. In the Army now, he resisted all his wife's efforts to obtain an allotment from his pay. Once again Gwendolyn put the law on him and he was indicted for child desertion in January, 1952. Military authorities took over the case with a briskness that no doubt dismayed and angered the spoiled youth.

All the way through, of course, Leonard was only too aware that Francis McCormack was his pursuing wife's lawyer.

As can be seen, Gwendolyn, just as Myrtle had said, was making it hot for him.

Roy Tarrance was present at this session with the police and insisted, "my boy is completely innocent."



SLAYER (back to camera) tells Kentucky officials how he and his ne'er-do-well father killed Louisville attorney in fit of anger over outcome of court case.

He also protested his own innocence. As for the license plate on his Chevvy tallying with the tag on the kidnap car, he said that was beyond bis comprehension.

"I simply can't understand that," he said. "Maybe somebody painted their plate with the same numbers as mine. I just don't know."

On the Monday following the attack and kidnaping, and still without the slightest trace of the victim, Leonard, accompanied by his doting father and distressed mother, walked into tbe Louisville Police Station and gave himself up.

Leonard, a good-looking youth, was sullen and uncooperative when questioned. About all investigators got cut of him was his repeated statement that he had had no part in the abduction of lawyer McCormack. He even went so far as to express the hope that McCormack would "come back soon" because he (Leonard) wanted to be relieved of the shadow of suspicion which had been cast so unfairly upon him.

The following day, Leonard's mother and Myrtle Blevins, escorted by a covey of newspaper reporters, visited him in jail. The newsmen asked Leonard who Myrtle was.

"She's my girl," he said.

The reporters reminded him that he already had a wife and child.

"Sure, I know," he responded, adding boastfully. "I've got two kids. Me and Myrtle have got an 11-month-old daughter. I'd been going with her a long time before I married Gwendolyn."

A short while later that day, Leonard was arraigned on charges of malicious striking and kidnaping and was held with bail. Soon after, father and son, who had been rare-

ly separated, were together again. Roy Tarrance was arrested on similar charges.

Prisoners in the Louisville jail where Leonard Tarrance and his Dad were held are permitted to listen to the radio. It was this circumstance which unexpectedly broke the case and brought from both father and son full confessions.

IT WAS ONE WEEK after McCormack's disappearance that Leonard heard a news broadcast saying the FBI had entered the case and, moreover, it was *not* essential to find a body to obtain a conviction and put into effect the death penalty for kidnapers.

Frightened, and hoping to save his skin, Leonard said he would talk. Although authorities would not bargain, and promised him nothing, he took the gamble.

Leonard began his story with a bitter condemnation of McCormack.

"That lawyer," he said, "promised to get me a divorce if I married Gwendolyn. But he lied to me. And I hate a damned liar.

"Pop and me were riding on Fourth Street that afternoon and we saw him go in the market," Leonard said. "So we pulled up in the alley and waited.

"When he came out we hit him with our fists and shoved him into the car and drove to Harrods Creek. We stopped and took him out and walked him across the field to the fishing cabin. It was just about getting dark out . . .

"He didn't say anything, except to ask what it was all about. So I told him and we hit him again and he fell down.

"Then he said, 'Do whatever you're going to do to me, but get it over with.'

"We walked him some more, about 100 yards, down to the bank of the creek. We made him walk down the steps to the boat landing.

"I hit him with my fists and my dad picked up something to hit him with . . . Then we found a concrete slab and some barbed wire.

"We put the slab on his stomach and tied it with the wire. Then we shoved him off the boat landing into the creek. I don't know whether he was dead then or not . . .

"When he didn't go out far enough . . . I got part of an iron hand rail and we shoved him out farther with that.

"Then we went home . . ."

County Coroner Dr. George Dwyer examined Francis McCormack's body after it had been dredged from the creek. A hole had been knocked in the back of his head; there was a three-inch gash over the left eye: the skull was fractured in a dozen different places and three ribs were broken.

Dr. Dwyer said death was caused by the fractures and a brain hemorrhage. It was doubtful, in his opinion, that McCormack was alive when he was dumped into the creek, for there was very little moisture in the lungs when he was examined. .

The elder Tarrance went to trial first, on April 1st. He swore that his only part in the murder was to help his son dispose of the body.

When Leonard took the stand, he corroborated his father's story.

The case went to the jury on the second day of trial. After deliberating five hours and 45 minutes, the 12 men returned to the tense, packed courtroom at 4:32 A.M. with their verdict—

They found the defendant guilty, with no recommendation for mercy, which meant death in the electric chair.

Roy Tarrance's wife, from whom he had never been separated before his arrest in 26 years, screamed hysterically while her sobbing husband tried to comfort her.

Three weeks later, Leonard went to trial. On the first day, he displayed an air of indifference, and read a Bible most of the time. But his attitude changed when Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Carl Ousley picked up the 122-pound concrete block with which Francis McCormack's body had been weighted, and dropped it.

This was something Leonard couldn't take . . .

Then toward the last hours of the trial, during the closing arguments, he went to pieces altogether.

Sobbing uncontrollably he slumped against his mother, who sat be-

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ACCORDING to youth's confession, he and his dad parked their car off this highway, marched victim across field, past cottage (arrow), down steps and beat him unconscious. They tied concrete slab to body (r.) and dropped victim into creek.

By LARRY WARREN

'I told her she had no business inviting me in' Come into the Cottage

AT EXACTLY 1:25 in the morning—Friday, November 13th, 1953—the call came in at Police Headquarters in Seattle, Washington. The desk sergeant talked with the woman and made a few notes on his pad. Hanging up, he contacted the radio dispatcher on the inter-com.

"Suicide reported at 1132½ B on 15th Avenue," the sergeant said. "Mrs. William Johnson says a young woman, Miss Opal Montgomery, who rents a small cottage behind Johnson home, stabbed herself to death. Have cruiser squad check."

Arriving at the Johnson house in three minutes, Patrolmen C. F. Watson and "Dockie" Dorris were met by a woman and two men.

"I'm Mrs. Johnson," the woman announced breathlessly, "and this is my husband." Turning to the second man, she explained: "This is Marvin Sugg, our other tenant. He found Opal dead and woke us up."

The Johnsons and Sugg led the officers to Opal Montgomery's tiny cottage, one of two identical units behind the large Johnson house. Only two or three feet separated them, the dead woman's place being on an alley.

Music from a radio drifted from the cottage. Entering, the patrolmen encountered a bizarre sight. On the bed in one corner of the neatly furnished one-room residence was the nude body of a dark-haired young woman. A paring knife was held loosely in her right hand, which was raised over her head. But what startled the officers was a nylon stocking tightly twisted around her neck. It obviously had strangled her to death.

The patrolmen were further startled to discover, on closer examination, that not only had she been stabbed in the abdomen and breasts, but her body bore countless dabs of what looked like face powder and fingernail polish.

"This is one for the book," Watson remarked, shaking his head. "Why would anybody do a job like that?"

"I don't know," answered Dorris, "but I do know she didn't strangle herself with that stocking. Whoever killed her must've done the decorating, too."

They hurried outside where the Johnsons and Sugg waited. Dorris asked the tenant, Sugg, "Why did you think Miss Montgomery killed herself? Didn't you see she'd been strangled by one of her nylons? And how about the nail polish and face powder on her body? Think she did that herself?"

Sugg explained that he hadn't taken a close look at the victim after seeing the knife in her hand and the stab wounds on her body. He had simply assumed she had taken her own life.

"Well, it's definitely murder," Watson informed the threesome. "We'll appreciate it if you'll wait in the house until the detectives can talk to you."

Headquarters, notified over the cruiser radio, immediately dispatched Sergeant Vic Berg and Detective Steve Brozovich of the night Homicide Detail. After getting the rundown, they dismissed the uniformed men, then entered the slain brunette's cottage.

Quickly confirming the patrolmen's murder theory, they radioed a request to the dispatcher to summon Captain Charles Rouse, Homicide Detail commander, from home.

While awaiting his arrival, Berg and Brozovich inspected the cottage. On a nightstand by the bed they discovered a half-filled box of face powder and an empty nail polish bottle. Scattered about the floor were feminine garments, some of them torn.

"No question that whoever killed the girl ripped her clothing off," the sergeant declared. "Probably strangled her with the stocking when she yelled. But that nail polish and powder on her body beats me. I can't dope it out."

Brozovich shrugged. "It doesn't make any more sense," he remarked, "than trying to make this look like she killed herself."

Adding to the futility of the crudely-faked suicide was the finding of an almost-empty bottle of Canadian Club whisky and two empty drinking glasses on the sink of the tiny kitchen at the other end of the room.

"If whoever killed her had taken one of the glasses away," the sergeant observed, "they'd have had some chance of making it look like the woman committed suicide while drunk. But that glass definitely puts another person in the room. If our luck is good, we'll find fingerprints."

Captain Rouse and the coroner's deputies arrived almost simultaneously. The medical examiners verified the belief that the victim had been strangled to death by the nylon stocking. They estimated she had been dead for 24 hours.

The weapon in her hand, an ordinary paring knife, was turned over to the detectives.

"Lack of blood on her hand or arm removes the slightest possibility of suicide," Captain Rouse said.

After the body was removed, Captain Rouse and his men went to the other cottage to question Marvin Sugg.

"Opal and I not only were neighbors," he told them, "but we worked together at a tavern on Pike Street where I tend bar. Opal was a barmaid. Everybody liked her."

Sugg said that she hadn't worked for the past week or so because of the flu. But Wednesday afternoon she came to the tavern and announced she was feeling fine again. She said she would be back Thursday to talk to the tavern owner about resuming her job.

"She didn't come in, though," the bartender continued, "and I figured she had a relapse. I phoned her place last night, but she didn't answer. When I got home around 1 o'clock this morning and heard her radio, I knocked on the door. I got no response, so I assumed she'd gone to sleep with the radio on."

Sugg said that after going to his cottage and starting to undress, he remembered that Opal's radio was playing when he got home from work the previous night. Alarmed, he had put on his bathrobe and returned to her place. The door was unlocked, so he entered, switched on the light, and found her dead on the bed. He immediately notified the Johnsons.

"Just how friendly were you and the girl?" asked Captain Rouse.

"Well, I thought a lot of Opal," Sugg replied. "She was pretty and friendly—good company. But that's as far as it went with me."

"Did it go any farther with anybody else?"

The bartender said he didn't know. Opal had never mentioned her personal affairs to him.

"Did she leave the tavern with anybody on Wednesday?" the captain inquired.

"I didn't see her leave the second time. In the afternoon she played shuffleboard with several young fellows. Later on she went out alone and came back with the Zimmermans. That's Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zimmerman, Opal's closest friends."

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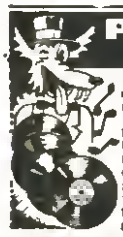
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KILLER (seated at left) tells his version of weird murder to Sergeant Austin Seth (standing) and Detective Don Sprinkle of homicide detail (seated, taking statement).

group had consumed a few beers. The bartender hadn't seen them leave, so he didn't know whether they all had gone together or if Opal went with the Zimmermans or the youth. He said it was about 10:30 when he noticed that all of them were gone.

Sugg gave them the approximate location of the Zimmerman residence on 15th Avenue, only a few blocks away. But before checking there, the detectives went to the Johnson house to see whether they could give any important information.

Neither had any idea who had killed their tenant or why. Although very friendly, she had told them little about herself. They said she was about 27 and quite attractive and well-behaved. They hadn't heard or seen anything Wednesday night or early Thursday morning that could be connected with her fantastic murder.

Next, the investigators hunted up the Zimmerman home. The middle-aged couple, summoned from bed, were shocked by the news.

The Zimmermans stated that they had known the attractive brunette for six years and thought highly of her. Asked why such an apparently desirable woman wasn't married, they explained that she had been at one time, but the marriage hadn't worked out.

"It was before we met Opal," Zimmerman said. "She told us it was one of those 'kid things' that didn't last. She got a divorce and took her maiden name again. That's all we know about it. Don't even know her ex-husband's name or anything about him."

Opal, they related, had enjoyed the company of men but wouldn't be serious with them because of her unhappy marriage. "Once was enough," was the way she put it.

Regarding Wednesday night, the Zimmermans said she had come to their place around 6 o'clock and asked them to go back to the tavern with her. She told them she had been playing shuffleboard with a "nice young man," and he had invited her to have a beer or two.

At Opal's suggestion that they get the Zimmermans to join them, he had said that would be fine and had given her the keys to his Chevrolet, a fairly new two-tone sedan.

"We went with her and met the young man," related the wife. "I don't remember his name, but he was around 25, quite handsome, well-dressed, and very polite. Although he didn't talk much, he seemed to have a good time."

After the group had had a few rounds of beer, the youth had offered to buy a bottle of whisky. So Zimmerman went with him to a liquor store, and the lad bought a fifth of Canadian Club. Back at the tavern, the foursome had one round of whisky and then Opal said she should be getting home, as she wanted to get up early and see the tavern proprietor about getting back her job as barmaid.

Opal and her companion drove the Zimmermans home, then departed with the bottle of whisk-

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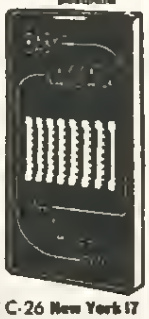
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On the possibility that the mutilation murderer had a record, the investigators took the couple to Headquarters to look through the photos of sex offenders.

After two hours of scanning "muggs," the Zimmermans came across one they said strongly resembled Opal's companion, though the man in the photo was younger.

Captain Rouse looked at the picture and said, "That's John Alfred Monner. He strangled a girl to death and mutilated her six or seven years ago. We sent him to the penitentiary. Naturally, he'd look a lot older now. But I haven't heard about him being turned loose."

Since it wasn't possible to check on the suspect until the office at the state prison in Walla Walla opened some hours later, the captain sent the Zimmermans home in a police car, then he and his men took care of routine procedure. This included an all-state alert for Opal's tavern companion and his two-tone Chevrolet sedan.

At 8 A.M. Sergeant Berg and Brozovich were relieved by Sergeant Austin Seth and Detective Don Sprinkle of the day Homicide Detail. After a briefing, the newcomers and Sergeant Max Allison, crime lab director, and an assistant, Gerald Presba, left to search the murder scene for fingerprints and other evidence.

When Captain Rouse phoned the penitentiary, he learned that Monner had been paroled two weeks previously after serving the minimum of his sentence for the mutilation slaying of the girl in 1946. He now was under jurisdiction of the state parole office in Seattle.

From that office Rouse quickly obtained the name of the large industrial plant where Monner was working, as well as his home address. The captain noted that the latter was in the same district where Opal Montgomery had been killed.

Phoning the Montgomery cottage, Rouse instructed Seth and Sprinkle to locate Monner. They found him at the plant, and he fitted the description of Opal's youthful companion down to the neatly-trimmed mustache.

But he insisted he had gone to the downtown *Paramount Theatre* after supper Wednesday, returning to his rooming house about 11 P.M. He denied being in a tavern, or becoming acquainted with a girl since his release from prison.

Although he described in some detail the movie he claimed to have seen, the detectives realized he could have viewed it prior to the murder night, as it had been playing for several weeks.

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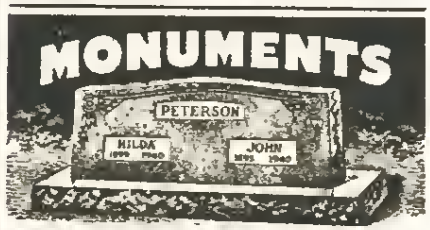
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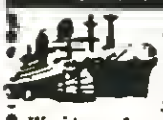
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DETECTIVE CAPTAIN Charles A. Rouse, head of Seattle, Washington's homicide detail, reads killer's confession. Rouse was in charge of solving mysterious killing.

Because he allegedly had gone to the show alone, his alibi was uncheckable, so Seth and Sprinkle took him to the place where Leonard Zimmerman worked.

Zimmerman immediately blasted hopes of a quick solution to the murder. "No, he isn't the one Opal was with," he declared emphatically. "They do look somewhat alike, though."

That cleared the ex-convict. After returning him to the plant, the investigators went back to the Montgomery cottage, where they phoned the news to Captain Rouse.

Another disappointment quickly followed. Sergeant Max Allison and Technician Gerald Presba finished processing every likely object in the murdered girl's cottage without finding a usable fingerprint specimen. Even the nearly-empty whisky bottle and drinking glasses yielded only worthless smudges.

"Only thing left is the paring knife that was in the girl's hand," Allison said. "Chances are that the killer wiped it off before putting it there, but I'll process it anyway."

After the technicians had gone, Seth and Sprinkle began searching the neighborhood for clues to the killer's identity. Finally they came across a man who had passed the residence of Opal's landlord about 1 o'clock Thursday morning on his way home from work. He reported that a youth had appeared from behind the Johnson house and hurried in the opposite direction.

The witness hadn't seen his face clearly, but described him as tall, slender, and having a slight limp. He wore a dark topcoat and was bareheaded. His hair was light.

As this didn't jibe at all with the description of Opal's tavern friend, the detectives wondered whether someone else had visited her the night she was murdered.

"Since she supposedly didn't invite men into her cottage," remarked Sergeant Seth, "this fellow might have forced his way in. Let's see if anybody at the tavern where she worked knows who he is."

The proprietor didn't. Nor did he have any idea why his barmaid had been murdered. Adding to the puzzle, he declared that he had never heard of Opal's having a date unless another couple went along, usually the Zimmermans.

But one of the other barmaids, a pert blonde, revealed that a man had been after Opal for several weeks. He had come into the tavern frequently in an effort to date her, and when this failed, he persistently phoned her at home. Opal hadn't seemed worried or frightened—only annoyed.

The blonde hadn't seen the man and the only thing she recalled Opal's saying about him was that he was a sailor on an Alaska line.

The detectives went to the Seamen's Union headquarters. They learned that the suspect's description fitted that of "Slim" Ferguson, age 24, who had a slightly crippled leg. They heard from several sailors that he was known as the "Waterfront Wolf."

Soon the investigators confronted Ferguson in his room in a cheap hotel on Second Avenue. Asked if he had been in the 1100 block on 15th Avenue Wednesday night or early Thursday morning, he looked startled. After a moment's hesita-

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tion, he replied, "Yeah, I was around there about 1 A.M. looking for a friend of mine. How come you're interested?"

"Routine checkup, Ferguson," the sergeant said. "Who is the friend and what did you do there?"

"Her name's Opal Montgomery. But I didn't even see her. She had company, so I beat it."

Ferguson claimed he had gone to the tavern about 12:30, boping to walk Opal home from work. However, he failed to see her when he looked inside. Assuming she had left, be went to her place, the address of which he had obtained from the telephone book.

"I heard her radio playing," he related, "and just as I was going to knock, I heard a man's voice. Then I noticed a car parked in the alley. So I took off."

When he described the auto as a late model two-tone sedan, the detectives felt certain he was telling the truth. That was the type of car owned hy the mustached youth with the soft voice who had taken Opal home from the tavern.

Ohviously, he had stayed at her place for at least two hours, making it fairly certain he had executed the mutilation murder.

Seeking some information that might lead to his identification, Seth and Sprinkle went back to Leonard Zimmerman's office. Although still eager to aid the investigation, he couldn't recall anything else about Opal's companion.

Sergeant Seth then asked him where the youth had purchased the whisky. Zimmerman said he didn't know exactly, hut the liquor store was in the Broadway district.

He was unable to give the exact address, however.

Hoping Zimmerman could retrace the route he and the suspect had taken, the detectives took the witness to the tavern neighborhood, then set out for the Broadway area. A short time later, Zimmerman exclaimed, "Now we're on the right street. There's the drug store where he stopped just before we got to the liquor store."

"Drug store?" Sprinkle echoed. "You didn't say anything about a drug store hefore."

Zimmerman explained that it had slipped his mind, as it seemed unimportant. The young man had said he wanted to get something and had dashed in alone. Soon he was back, then they went on to the liquor store.

Overlooking no leads, the detectives parked and entered the pharmacy. The proprietor, C. A. Smith, informed them that a clerk named Logan had been on duty Wednesday night. Hastening to his home in the University District, the detectives and Zimmerman described the suspect to Logan.

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Learning where the pharmacy banked, the detectives and Zimmerman hurried there, only to discover that the check had already gone to the clearing house. Seth and Sprinkle went there after returning Zimmerman to his office.

After hours of searching, a check for $10 was found, made out to the drug store, and signed by Virgel J. Bussenger, Jr.

"That must be it!" exclaimed the sergeant. "That's close to Ballinger or Barringer."

The check was drawn on the West Seattle branch of the Peoples Bank of Washington. There the detectives learned that Bussenger lived at 1608 East Republican Street.

Captain Rouse was immediately notified of the development. Within minutes he met his homicide aides at the address, an apartment building. After ringing Bussenger's number without a response, they summoned the manager, who told them he had seen the suspect and his wife drive away an bour before, apparently to shop.

He said Bussenger was a soldier stationed at Fort Lewis, 50 miles south and commuted in his car, a late model two-tone Chevrolet sedan. His current assignment was delivering milk to camp messhalls from 4 A.M. until 2 P.M. each day.

"Does he have a mustache?"

"He did. But when he came bome yesterday afternoon, it was gone. When I asked him about it, he said be did a bad job of trimming it that morning and so he shaved it off."

As the officers were talking to the manager, the Bussengers drove up. The detectives approached, and Rouse asked the suspect if he were Bussenger.

"Yes," the man replied softly.

"We're police. We want you to come to Headquarters witb us."

"I haven't had any tickets."

"It's not about traffic violations," declared Sprinkle.

When Mrs. Bussenger asked what the trouble was, the captain told her they would discuss it with ber husband downtown.

In Rouse's office, the handsome and husky soldier, who appeared perfectly at ease, readily admitted becoming acquainted with Opal Montgomery in the tavern Wednesday afternoon. He explained that he had stopped there for some beer on his way bome from camp.

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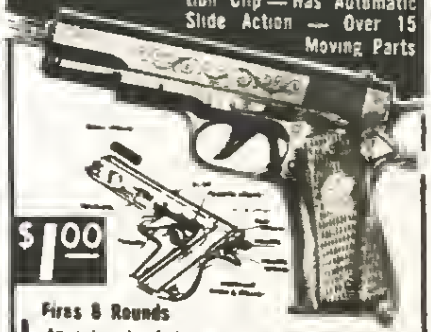
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The G.I. denied shaving off his mustache for fear it might lead to his apprehension.

No amount of questioning could change his story of complete innocence. Hoping to get definite proof that he had been inside the murdered girl's cottage, Sergeant Seth went to the crime lab to learn whether Sergeant Allison had found fingerprints on the paring knife taken from the victim's hand.

"Nothing but smudges," Allison reported. "The killer either was careful enough not to leave any good prints—or just plain lucky. If it was luck, he wouldn't know whether he left his prints or not. Why not make him think he did?"

"It's an idea," the sergeant said. "Let me have that knife."

Seth then burst back into the captain's office, an expression of victory on his face. Showing the knife to Rouse, he winked and said:

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The captain went right along with it. "Good news, sergeant!" he asserted. "Get a technician in here and take Bussenger's prints."

When Seth returned with the aide, the soldier changed his tune. "You're right—I was in Opal's house," he admitted. "But I didn't kill her. It was an accident."

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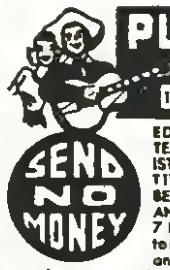
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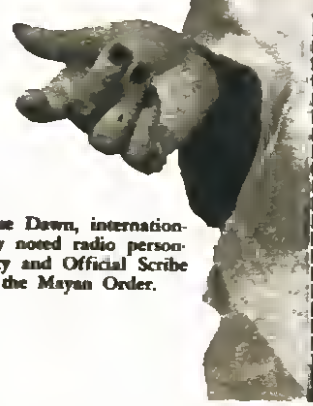
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one of her stockings and twisted it around her neck until she was quiet. Then I cleaned up and left. I thought she'd be OK by morning."

The detectives refused to accept Bussengers' story in view of the evidence, but they had to wait until the post mortem report before attempting to disprove it.

Late Saturday, Coroner John P. Brill, Jr. and his autopsy surgeon, Dr. Gale E. Wilson. revealed that the stab wound in Opal Montgomery's abdomen and the cuts on her breasts had been made *after* death.

Confronted with this damning evidence, the handsome soldier admitted he hadn't told the truth. He then made another official statement, in which he said that when the pretty brunette resisted bis advances, he went wild and began tearing off her clothes.

When she screamed, he twisted one of her stockings around her neck until she was silent. Then, realizing she was dead, he got the paring knife from the sink, stabbed her several times and placed the weapon in her hand to make ber death look like a suicide. He couldn't explain why he had dabbed her body with face powder and fingernail polisb.

"That's closer to the truth," Captain Rouse told Bussenger, "but I don't think you've given us the entire story. The evidence convinces me that you mutilated the victim through sheer sadism. I'm also convinced that you strangled her to death for the same reason."

Although Bussenger heatedly denied any sadistic urges or premeditation of the murder, he was unable to explain his bestial acts. But the prosecuting attorney's staff realized it would be virtually impossible to prove premeditation, so the soldier was charged witb second-degree murder. When being booked, he gave his age as 36, though he looked ten years younger.

So convinced was Captain Rouse that the suspect had slain pretty Opal Montgomery out of a sadistic drive, that the homicide chief conducted a thorough search into Bussenger's background. Eventually Rouse's opinion was substantiated by the revelation that some years previously Bussenger had choked a girl in Detroit, Michigan, until she was unconscious, then had covered her nude body with hair oil, just as he had used nail polish and face powder on Opal.

However, in the Detroit case, the victim recovered, and Bussenger somehow escaped prosecution. He joined the Army shortly thereafter and left that part of the country. Later he married.

In his trial in King County Superior Court in Seattle, his defense was "mental irresponsibility." But after hearing all the evidence, the jurors took only 90 minutes to find

him guilty as charged.

On March 12, 1954, Judge Malcolm Douglas sentenced Bussenger to 30 years in the state penitentiary. The convicted murderer waived his right to appeal and requested immediate committment to prison.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *To protect persons innocently involved in this case, the names Marvin Sugg, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zimmerman, John Alfred Monner, and "Slim" Ferguson, are fictitious as used here.*

THE END

PRODIGAL SON

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side him, and began sliding from his chair. Courtroom attaches rushed to his aid, whereupon be began struggling and kicking violently until he was borne bodily from the courtroom by bailiffs and deputies assigned to the Tarrance trial.

Ten minutes later he was brought back, subdued and composed enough to apologize to the judge. "I'm sorry for all the disturbance I've caused the court," he said contritely.

Promptly, Leonard's attorney, Sandy Paniello, informed the jury that the accused's behavior was "the result of a buman body under strain."

But the prosecutor scoffed. He called it "a shameful show."

The jury needed only two-and-a-balf hours to find Leonard guilty as charged and he, like his dad, was sentenced to death.

And so father and son were together again. When they were taken to the Kentucky State Penitentiary at Eddyville, at their urgent request they were permitted to occupy the same cell. They were separated, however, in February, 1954.

During the ensuing two years after conviction and sentence, Attorney Paniello won repeated stays for the slayers of Francis McCormack, while Leonard taught his theretofore—illiterate father to read.

At last, when Paniello had exhausted every legal means and technicality to save his clients, father and son came to tbe brink on March 18th, 1955.

Roy Tarrance was the first to go. He went to the chair mumbling tbe Lord's Prayer.

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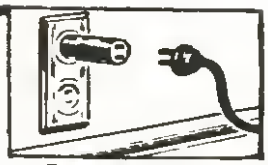
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Tiger Woman's Sweet Revenge

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not found in law books. She fell for him, and issued her own writ of *habeas corpus*. Within a week after they met, they were married.

The road to disillusionment was somewhat—but not much—longer. First, she discovered that his title was phony. And then, that he was. And he became violently nauseous at the mere mention of work. He considered Wanda the ideal bread-winner. But worst of all, he got her on morphine; a habit that she was to find more binding by far than the promises of Godfrey Barrington.

She met Barrington at a studio party of so-called Bohemians on Chicago's North Side. By then, she had renounced the Count.

Barrington appeared to be his complete antithesis: kindly as her father, interested in her career, catering to her every whim. What she failed to detect was the frustrated *avante-garde* artist, constantly apologizing for his phenomenal commercial success; the pretentious arty faddist who, despite an extremely acceptable wife, maintained a constant round-robin of affairs with women half his age. His wife, Susan Jerome Barrington, was a gifted cellist, who, it was rumored, "understood" her misunderstood" spouse because she had a perfectly blended affair of her own on the side with a young composer of unpublished operas. She was perennially about to divorce Barrington but, somehow, never did.

Soon, he and Wanda were accepted as an inseparable twosome. He bragged that she was the brainiest woman he had ever met, and neither was ever invited anywhere without the other. Susan treated her with generous, good-natured hospitality, and no one else gave a damn.

By now, Wanda had divorced the Count. It was her understanding that Barrington was divorcing Susan so that they would be married.

To her dismay and annoyance, she discovered not only that neither Barry nor his wife had instituted divorce proceedings, but that both still shared the same bedroom.

Far more disheartening to Wanda, she learned that her tender lover had gone through this cycle of extramarital romance many times previous. That when the ladies demanded to know his ultimate intentions, he always pleaded *nolo contendere* and figuratively retreated behind his wife. Wanda was lawyer enough to know that this barrier was legally, morally and socially impeccable. But as time, plus her continued obsession for Godfrey Barrington and the ravages of mor-

phine wore on her, her sharp legal mind lost its focus. She could only think that Susan Jerome Barrington refused to give her husband a divorce. She took a leave of absence from her job in the United States attorney's office and went to Detroit, being careful first to let it be known to Godfrey Barrington that she was reconciling with her husband. Actually, she had no idea where the Count was, and didn't care.

Barrington stood it for three months. Every time he thought of her in the arms of the Count, he went nuts. Finally, he caught the first train to Detroit, and brougbt her back to Chicago.

By now, she was too far gone to seriously practice law. Morphine had damaged her mental processes. Sbe was rapidly becoming incapable of supporting herself and, for the first time, Godfrey Barrington had to give her an allowance, to keep her as a paid mistress.

But in the dark, warped recesses of her troubled mind, sbe continued to blame all her woes on Mrs. Barrington. She wrote her letters, threatening her for refusing to give her husband a divorce, and demanding a showdown. It came at a conference with Barry and Susan.

Susan Jerome Barrington turned to her husband and inquired, "Do you wish a divorce, Barry?"

Barrington dropped his eyes. He turned to his wife. "Yes," he lied.

"And do you want to marry Wanda?"

This, in the presence of a witness, even his wife, was too much. For the first time in his life he told the truth to a woman. "No," he said.

Wanda screamed and lunged at Barrington's wife, her fingernails extended.

Barrington got between them, held her off from the older woman, and finally quieted her

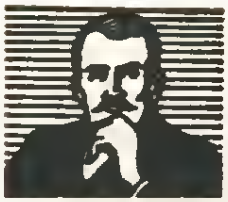
He was full of soulful sentiments and pious regrets, but it all added up to his refusal to divorce his wife.

Nor did he suggest they continue their affair. But he did suggest an alternative.

"My dear," he began again. "Get away from the morphine, and from me. Go away where you can forget. Go to New York."

He offered to send her $150 a month till she could get a job and support herself. But subtly, he made it clear that if she stayed in Chicago he would give her nothing.

At the moment, the idea was not wholly unattractive to Wanda. She had always firmly believed that her talents, brains, beauty and charm were worthy of no less than the Big Town. Though she would not see Barry, she might meet someone else. And since she had absolutely no money and her former devoted lover left her no choice, she



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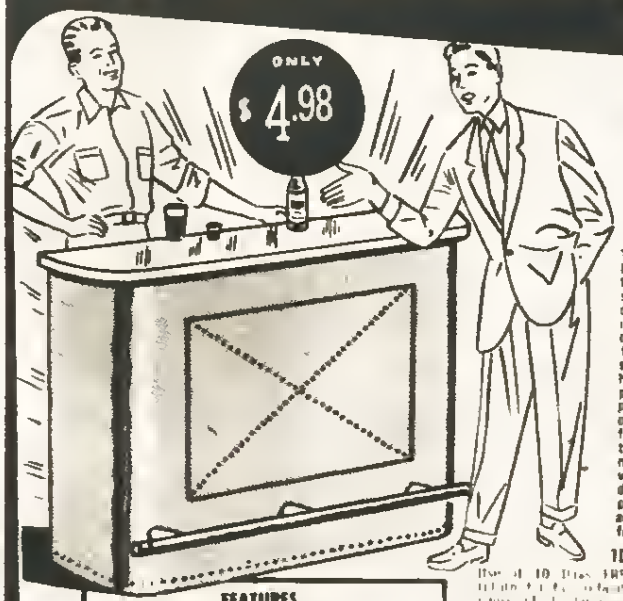


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Quite characteristically, she settled in Greenwich Village; not realizing perhaps that there she would meet the same type of people and be drawn into the same type of life that she should avoid. She did make one start in the right direction by taking a job; in fact, she took several jobs simultaneously, apparently plunging into work in the belief she could forget her troubles.

From 9 to 5 she worked for the legal firm of Joseph P. Tumulty, noted former associate of Woodrow Wilson, and was able to make herself valuable. Partly to keep from thinking about Barry, partially to avoid morphine, and partly to fatten even further her now considerable income—for she continued to accept Barry's money without telling him she was working—she also worked nights helping to compile and edit a legal textbook.

And as if this were not enough she decided to become a writer, enrolling in a course in short story writing. She began to grind out plotless, subjective soul searchings for the literary quarterlies and other *avant garde* publications, all of which were speedily rejected.

Perhaps her sudden, hitherto undiscovered urge to express herself in immortal literature was derived from her new-found associates. She now was caught up in a whirl of the *literati* who disdained to prostitute their talent, if any, in commercial popular writing. But they were people with many interesting and advanced ideas that they never hesitated to spout in payment for imported Russian caviar, champagne and gin that Wanda ladled out at her parties.

She became famous throughout the Village as an open-handed, generous hostess. She met and frequently held brief, passing affairs, with a multitude of men. But none claimed her emotions as Barry. She thought none as charming as he, nor as able a lover. She could not forget him, and soon she was writing him regularly, though he rarely answered.

Soon she was lost again, entrapped by the mental image of her faraway lover. And again, she took to morphine.

She lost both her jobs and forgot about trying to write. She wandered sleepless nights through the Village streets, miraged with hallucinations of Barry. Finally with her pride and almost all her money gone, there remained not love for Barry but her obsession with love. She sat down and wrote him one more dreamy, unrealistic letter. It read:

I sincerely wish for your success and happiness more than anything and I feel that

my attachment for you has become a sort of millstone around your neck; that you never intended it to reach the hectic state that it has. That is my fault. I am exceptionally romantic and you are romantic to me.

I know you love me but it is not a deep, integral part of yourself. You have not found yourself in love any more than you have in art; and I feel that my love for you is a real drawback to your finding yourself in art.

If I have known you so intimately for two years without being of assistance, but instead a bad influence, then my withdrawal should have the opposite effect. Therefore, I am withdrawing, and I am doing it in no halfway fashion this time, my dear. Go on with your little love affairs, if you like, without thought of what it may be doing to me. Only consider me as a friend.

Once a week I will go to your little house, put it in order, bring out your laundry, which I will have sent out, and on its return I will look over the clothes and mend them as may be necessary, replacing them in their proper drawers at some time not during your working hours.

At no time during the week, except on Saturday, when I shall change your linen and clean house for you, will I intrude upon you. I promise, however, to hold myself in readiness to come to you whenever you may wish.

Wanda never received a reply to her letter.

Illogically, she continued to blame Susan for all her troubles. At this time she kept a diary, in which she now ominously noted, "Paid Nick $250 for impregnated candy." She sent the box of chocolate creams to Susan and Barry.

But before mailing she extracted one, held it to await the news that the Barringtons had eaten theirs. Then she would eat hers, for each contained potassium of cyanide.

But it was Barry who opened the box. Although there was no return address, it was postmarked New York. He readily guessed who had sent it—and for what purpose. Fearing a public scandal, he threw Wanda's $250 box of chocolates into the garbage pail, and told his wife.

For the first time in her married life, Susan Barrington was afraid of another woman. She fully realized the deadly danger of Wanda's desperation. But she acceded to his wishes, and said nothing to anyone.

Wanda, failing to hear of the Bar-

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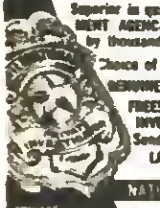
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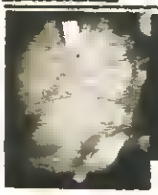
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ringtons' death by poison, and realizing that her plans had gone astray, felt an overpowering, manic urge to satisfy her own ego, to achieve at least a partial triumph by gloating over her deed. She wrote Barry, "It is quite fitting that I should send poisoned sweets to the man who bas ruined my life with poisoned sweetness."

Barry's failure to answer her, even to reproach her, or to show fear by threatening to go to the police, goaded ber to even greater fury. She wrote, saying that she was coming to Chicago for a final showdown. When he again refused to answer, she tried to phone him. He refused to accept the call. It was then that Wanda made her decision.

She issued invitations to all her acquaintances in the Village to one last, grand party; a "giveaway" party she called it, because she planned to give away all of her possessions.

Someone finally thought to inquire of her why this sudden, unprecedented generosity; why she was giving away all she owned.

She replied, "I'm leaving for Chicago in the morning. I've got unfinished business coming due. I have to kill a woman—and maybe a man, too." Everybody laughed uproariously.

The next morning, Wanda awoke with a splitting headache. She lay in her bed, the last remaining piece in the apartment, trying to recollect how much she had told; half hoping, half fearing that somebody might have notified the police. She fumbled under her pillow and, reassured by the cold steel of the .38 automatic she had purchased the day before, she stumbled into the bathroom, vomited and took a cold shower. She dressed, reached Grand Central, and boarded the *20th Century Limited*.

Outside the station in Chicago, at 7 A.M. Thursday morning, she engaged an ancient taxicab. Though she had not chosen the aged touring car with black window curtains deliberately, Fate could not have been more kind. For nobody could see into the cab and the driver had that very day lost his rear license plate.

Since Wanda last had been in Chicago, the Godfrey Barringtons had moved. They had rented a rambling, clapboard house on 89th Street in Palos Park, far out in the suburbs. Wanda had learned the address and so directed the taxi driver.

Henry Manning had left the Barringtons just 10 minutes before. Manning had been their man-of-all work for many years and knew all about Wanda, and the affair. Throughout it, he had remained devoted to Barry and Susan.

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Thus Susan Barrington was alone and ill with a high fever when Wanda arrived. The girl told the driver to wait for her and, firmly grasping her pocketbook containing the gun, skittered up the front porch steps and rang the doorbell. Only a woman who was tending the front garden saw her.

Susan Barrington believed it was the local girl sent hy Manning, and wrapped herself in a woolen dressing gown and answered the door.

"Why, Wanda," she said, surprised. "What are you doing here?" Then her fever-flushed face went deadly white with fear; she knew.

Wanda pushed her way in through the door. Susan, without knowing that the girl had a gun, realized that she was in deadly peril. In her present condition she would be unable to defend herself. Her only hope lay in gaining Wanda's sympathy, and she quickly lied. "I may die," she said. "I've got pneumonia." And she retreated back to her bedroom, and climbed into bed. Wanda followed her, laughing and warned, "You're going to die, anyhow."

But the girl was in no hurry. She wanted this woman to suffer, to know the slow, growing chill of terror; to grovel and beg tearfully for her life. Then she'd kill her.

It was a heady experience for Wanda, too precious to waste. She thrilled to its sweet power, indulged herself in the luxury of a long, rambling recital of all the wrongs committed against her.

Since Wanda had entered the house the woman in the flower garden, Susan's neighbor, had gone downtown. She met Henry Manning still looking for the local girl to sit with Mrs. Barrington.

"I suppose then it must be the nurse who came," she told Manning after mentioning the young woman she had seen.

Manning grew excited, asked, "What did she look like?" And before the neigbbor could finish describing her, he rushed off toward the Barrington home. He knew now who had come. And why.

Meanwhile, the beautiful Pole paced the sick room, waving the revolver and larding her endless harangue with imminent threats. Susan cowered, trembling violently beneatb the blankets, certain that every moment was her last. But, frightened as she was, she refused to admit it, to grovel in ahject terror. And finally Wanda, enraged hy the refusal of ber rival to beg for mercy or to cry out, moved close to the bed and aimed the revolver. Susan Barrington still refused to cry, and at that moment Henry Manning's key was turning in the front door.

He rushed down the hallway and burst into the bedroom.

Startled, she whirled. "Get out, or I'll kill you, too," she said. Henry Manning stopped in his tracks.

But he didn't stop thinking. He was 69 years old, going on 70, and not as fast nor as strong as he used to be; yet, somehow, he must get that gun. He tried to wheedle Wanda. Yet it did no good. Slowly, he began to edge forward, toward her. She watched him and warned, "Your next step will be your last, mister." Henry Manning knew it, too; yet he had to take the chance. And, suddenly, he leaped.

He grabbed her gun wrist, wrestled with her for possession of the .38. And then it went off—twice.

Henry Manning staggered back several feet, two bullets in his heart. He fell dead. Wanda whirled toward the bed, determined now to kill Susan. But Susan hadn't waited,

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Wanda took careful aim and fired twice. But Susan kept running. Wanda shrugged, turned and sauntered casually from the house, and drove away in the waiting cab.

Susan Barrington and her next-door neighbor, Mrs. George Hermanson, wife of the police chief of Palos Park, could swear that the rear of the getaway car contained no license plate. Mrs. Hermanson immediately phoned her husband, and informed him what had happened. He alerted the Chicago police.

Sick as she was, Susan Jerome Barrington refused to go to bed until she had warned her husband that he was probably next on Wanda's list. Then she collapsed into Mrs. Hermanson's bed. Somehow, she knew that at last her marriage had been reborn. Smiling, she fingered the two bullet holes in her pajamas.

Chief Collins ordered the Chicago police to throw a cordon of cops around Godfrey Barrington's studio, and to watch the railroad stations in New York, Chicago and Detroit. Guests at her last party in the Village told of her threats to kill Mrs. Barrington.

The police began to hunt for the murder car. The newspapers ran front-page photos of Wanda.

The taxi driver saw the photos simultaneously with the discovery of the loss of his license plate, and notified the police. He explained, "I did not hear the shots in the house, and had no idea of what she had done. She came out so casually that I never would have guessed she had just committed murder."

She had ordered him to drive to the Illinois Central Railroad Station, he said, instead got out of the cab at 20th and Michigan Avenue, eight blocks from the terminal.

The police, unable to find her in Chicago, believed she had taken an Illinois Central train, anyhow, and notified all way points and terminals to watch for her.

Ben Thornton, of Indianapolis, was sitting in the lobby of the *Hotel Statler* in Detroit, reading his paper. He glanced up, his eyes following the strikingly beautiful girl crossing the lobby. Startled, he looked at his newspaper again, at the photograph of the girl on the front page. By now, the girl had inserted a letter in the mail chute, and had reentered the elevator.

Thornton rushed over to a desk clerk, gesturing at the photo and talking excitedly. Detectives Wilson and Roach were summoned. Guided by Thornton's description and the desk clerk's knowledge of his guests, they checked the hotel register.

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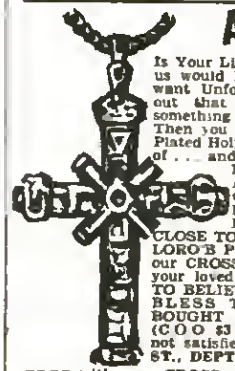
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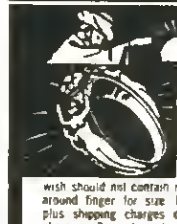
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an envelope with her few, remaining possessions: $150 in cash, a 1,000 mark Polish government bond, and a $200 insurance policy made out to her mother. After mailing the envelope in the lobby, she began final preparations.

Downstairs, the desk clerk pointed excitedly at a signature on the guest register. "That's her. That Missus Ted Glaskoff," he said.

Wilson ordered the desk clerk, "Call her, and keep her on the telephone until we get up there." Then, with an assistant manager and the house dick, they started up in the elevator.

Wanda picked up the ringing telephone. "I'm ill," she moaned without asking who it was.

At the sound of the master key in her door, the receiver dropped from her hand. She turned, then crumpled in a heap on the floor. She was dead.

She had committed suicide by swallowing the chocolate bon-bon containing the cyanide of potassium. Coroner Charles Earle stated. The police examined her pitiful possessions: a diary detailing her great love for Godfrey Barrington and the resulting agony of the injustice she felt done her; a few story manuscripts with the reject slips still attached; in her handbag was the .38 with four discharged cartridges. Ballistics later proved it to be the murder weapon.

The body was removed to an undertaker's on Third Street. The Henry Manning murder was solved.

Susan took a new lease on life, and recovered. Although it had cost the life of Henry Manning, the murder proved the healing balm to the last wound in the Barrington's marriage. They lived happily, if somewhat less eventually, forever after.

EDITOR'S NOTE. To *protect persons innocently involved in this case, the names Godfrey and Susan Jerome Barrington and Ben Thornton are fictitious as used here.*

THE END

Sex Killer's Deadly Desires

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them. He promised to report his findings to the Rockland authorities the next day.

The following morning, Stern and Mock received the report. It indicated beyond all doubt that Mason was lying when he said that he was innocent of the double murder. But obtaining a confession from the shy, sensitive youth was another thing. The veteran officers knew this

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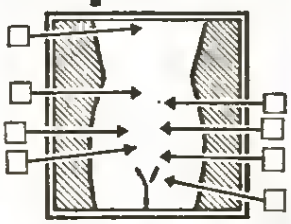
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Witb this rapport established between sheriff and suspect, the other officers eased from the room. After a little more friendly talk from Mock, the boy's eyes welled with tears and he offered to lead him to the hidden knife.

"I was lying when I told you I lost the knife Sunday afternoon," Mason said with a sob. "Come witb me and I'll find it for you."

Mock and Deputy Sheriff Henry Beers accompanied Mason into the woods. All carried flashlights. Mason bent over and poked around the ground in several spots. At one place, Mason retrieved the knife and deftly palmed it, unseen by the officers. He apparently had a belated change of heart.

But a little farther on, Mason appeared to stumble beside a swamp hole. Mock and Beers were quick to detect the ruse. The deputy's flashlight was trained on the water when the knife hit it with a splash. Quickly the officers fished it out, while Mason hung his head and wept bitterly.

Taken back to the school, Mason still refused to admit he had killed Esther Nagy with the weapon. District Attorney Shaken, Chief Stern and Sheriff Mock continued to question him in an office of the administration building until, shortly before midnight, Mason confessed.

The slim, brown-haired boy told the officers that he had killed both girls in a panic after luring one of them to the wooded area from the school playground. He said his principal interest, a sexual one, was in Marjorie. Esther apparently lost her life because she insisted on tagging along with Marjorie, her constant companion.

The district attorney's investigator, William F. Sterns, quoted the boy as saying:

"I told Marjorie the house mother wanted to see her. Esther was with her. I told Marjorie that the house mother was waiting down at the corner behind a large pile of brush.

"I couldn't get rid of Esther. When we got down there (the brush pile) I told Marjorie to go around the pile—that the house motber was waiting on the other side.

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Throughout the confession, Mason denied that he had assaulted either of the girls sexually. But Dr. Moses' earlier announcement that both girls had been violated by a sex pervert was confirmed in the autopsies performed by Dr. William R. Strutton, pathologist at Rockland State Hospital.

Coroner Moses said that "Mason is the coolest kid I ever saw. Throughout the questioning, he was cool as ice."

Wrigbt, the school's director, was momentarily speechless with shock when informed tbat Mason had signed a confession to the slayings. "It's unbelievable," he gasped.

Officials of the high school Mason attended said his conduct was good. He had an I.Q. of 76, regarded as very low, and was in his second year as a freshman after flunking English and social studies the last term.

There were other indications, however, that young Mason had been mentally ill for some time. At home, in New York City, he had become so unmanageable in 1950 that his mother had him committed to Bellevue Hospital for observation. He was in and out of children's shelters and temporary asylums on at least three occasions. When he was released from Bellevue, his home situation was so precarious that psychiatrists refused to send him back to his mother, who also had a history of psychiatric disturbance.

Mason was ordered transferred, instead, to the Queensborough Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. From there, in January, 1951, he was sent to the Lakeside school. At first he had been "sullen, insecure and withdrawn," according to the school's social worker, but lately he bad "levelled off beautifully. He made remarkable progress. He became communicative and even friendly."

Then, on Sunday, March 8th, something snapped. He suddenly, and without warning, committed what Dr. Frederick Wertham, noted psychiatrist, called "a horrible, frightful act of violence."

Meanwhile, Carlton Mason reenacted the crime in front of movie cameras while the officers watched. He was then arraigned on charges of first degree murder and remanded to the Rockland County Jail at New City, without bail, to await action of the grand jury.

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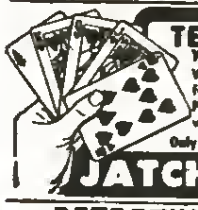
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THE END

Kill Her by the Next Full Moon!

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choking the barracks phones. Broadfield, himself, sat glued to his desk, and personally answering each call. Almost every man and woman in the area, it seemed, was suspecting his neighbor. Targets for the hulk of the suspicion were those who either owned or drove trucks, despite the fact that many of the vehicles in question failed to conform to the description of the stake model.

"Our only hope is that stake truck," he told the troopers. "But if it wasn't a local one, we might as well call it quits. Tomorrow, for better or for worse, we'll try to get a list of all such trucks owned by persons living in the Adirondack area and we'll take it from there."

Sergeant Woolsey sat up with a sudden inspiration. "That gives me an idea," he said. "We've been taking it for granted that those cigarettes were available here in the immediate vicinity. But since they're not, first thing in the morning I'll phone the tobacco distributors over at Plattsburg and Yatertown and find out from them exactly who retails those smokes in this whole area."

Back on the job the following morning, Broadfield's first move was to get in touch with the Motor Vehicles Bureau at Albany, with a request for a list of the residents of that area who were registered as owners of stake trucks.

"Practically all stake trucks are manufactured by the same company —the Chevrolet division of General Motors," the bureau superintendent informed him. "We'll put a crew of girls to work checking the truck registrations for Chevrolets, and we'll phone you the minute the list's ready.

At two o'clock, the promised report from Albany was being relayed to Broadfield. The list contained a score of names and the owners in question were widely scattered throughout the general area. Broadfield lost no time assigning troopers to begin checking the names.

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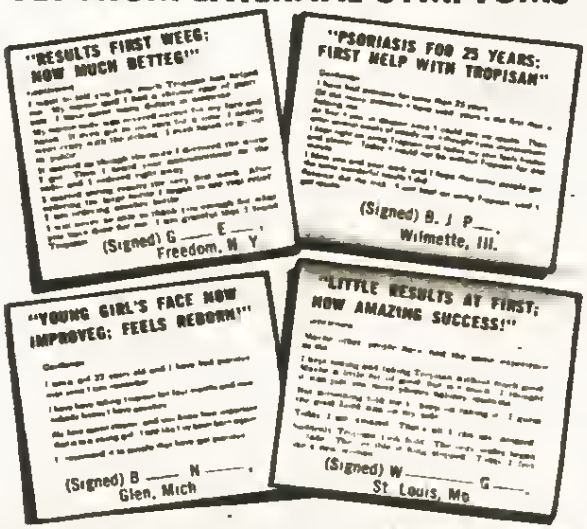
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it developed, had been anywhere near Bloomingdale on the day of the crime.

Meanwhile, Woolsey and Rosbrook were meeting with equally disappointing results in their canvass of tobacco shops. Furnished with the desired list of their retail outlets by the tobacco distributors, the pair had talked to a good many steady smokers of Cubebs but without encountering anyone who drove a stake truck or answered to Betty Freen's description of the man who had yelled out his invitation to her on the road. And they were fast running out of retailers when, late in the afternoon of June 20th, the pair entered a small shop on a back street in Saranac Lake.

Informed of their errand, the man behind the counter nodded. "Yep, I usually stack 'em but I haven't had any in a month. Funny thing you should ask about 'em, 'cause I've had some calls lately from kids over at the CCC camp at Lake Barnum when they've been in town. They get 'em at the camp canteen, from what they told me."

Half an hour later, the two troopers were at the Civilian Conservation Corps camp at Lake Barnum, approximately 15 miles to the north.

"Do you have any stake trucks around here?" Woolsey asked.

The director nodded. "We have three Chevrolet trucks," he replied, "and they're all stake models."

"Any with diamond-shaped tire treads?"

"Yes. All of them. You see, everything we have around here is government issue, so the trucks and the tires they're equipped with are identical."

Woolsey rubbed his chin. "That's the reason we haven't been getting anywhere," he said, turning to Rosbrook. "We've been checking on privately owned vehicles, not figuring it was a government truck we were after."

The camp director raised his eyebrows. "Something wrong?" he asked.

The State Police sergeant shrugged. "We have no proof," he said, "only the fact that a stake truck was mixed up in a crime. Where were your trucks on the morning of June 23?"

The director squinted at a calendar. "That was a Saturday," he said, half to himself. "It would be our day for picking up supplies . . ."

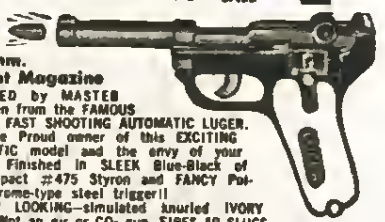
He turned to the office records and soon produced an entry. "All three of those trucks were in Saranac Lake that morning. They took on loads at the Delaware and Hudson Railroad depot."

"Who were the drivers and did they get back together?" Woolsey asked.

When the director told him, Woolsey asked how they stacked up.

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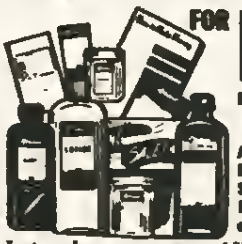
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was the answer. "Right now they're over to Union Falls on a job. They'll be back around noon."

"We'll wait for them," Woolsey said.

Rosbrook drew the sergeant aside and told him about an idea that had just come to him. "We've got a chance to look over their clothing while they're gone," be said. "If one of them killed that girl, he'd be pretty sure to have got his things bloodstained. And he wouldn't be apt to be wearing them around."

Woolsey nodded and swung back to the director. "Where do tbose fellows keep their clothes?" he asked.

Explaining that the camp provided lockers, the director led the two troopers to the other end of the barracks. A minute later, he was pulling up in front of a double row of lockers and producing a set of keys from his pocket.

In the first two lockers they inspected, Woolsey and Rosbrook found nothing. But on looking into the third, the two troopers found a collection of pornographic pictures concealed there.

"Who uses this locker?" Woolsey demanded.

The director consulted his records. "Thomas Showers," he replied.

"He's the fellow we want to talk to," Woolsey said.

Around noon, when the three trucks pulled into the yard, Showers' machine was pointed out. The officers approached the vehicle and saw a tall, slim youth who answered, in every detail, to the description Betty Freen had given of him. A cigarette dangled from his lips.

"We want to talk to you," Woolsey said.

Showers blew out a cloud of smoke. "What about?" he drawled.

"We think maybe you can tell us about a girl who disappeared from home on June 23rd."

The youth looked back, the cigarette poised halfway to his lips. "What would I know about that?"

Woolsey did not answer directly. "Is that a Cubeb you're smoking?" he wanted to know.

"Yeah," Sbowers replied. "What about it?"

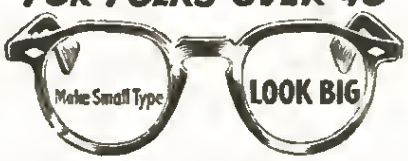
"This about it," the sergeant told him. "We're taking you back to Malone with us."

At Malone, surrounded by Captain Broadfield, Prosecutor Harold Main, Coroner Cargill, Herrick, McCann, McGinnis and Woolsey, the suspect turned all questions aside with blunt refusals to answer.

"I ain't done nothin'," be said finally, "and I don't like the idea of being here answering questions. If you think I'm the guy who did it, get ready to prove it."

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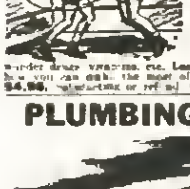
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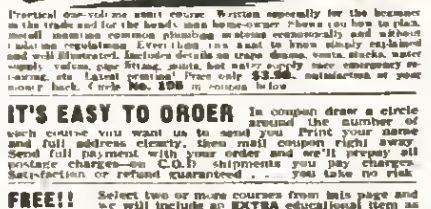
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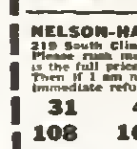


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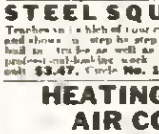
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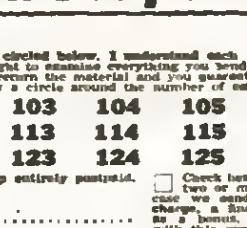


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he told Showers. "And while we're doing it, you're going to stay right here."

At the commandant's instructions, Woolsey and Rosbrook went hack to the camp and talked with the men who had driven the other trucks on the fatal day.

"Was Showers' truck with you all the way down and back?" the sergeant asked them.

The pair took time out to think hack; then hoth shook their heads. Showers, they said, had trailed them down Route 3 to a point about halfway to Saranac Lake. Then suddenly, he had swerved off to a side road running between Onchiota and Vermontville.

Later, they said, when they were fully loaded at the Saranac Lake depot, Showers showed up and hegged them to wait for him. "I don't want to get in a jam with the CO." he said. That was the reason, the pair explained, that all three trucks arrived hack in camp practically together.

From Showers' locker the police officers seized a jumper and dungarees that had been recently washed. At the canteen, the manager told them Showers was a steady huyer of Cubeh cigarettes.

Back at Malone with their evidence and testimony, Woolsey and Roshrook learned that the tires of Showers' truck had been found to match the roadside tracks and that his shoes fitted into the casts of the footprints.

With the case against him apparently clinched, the CCC worker continued to hold out, though not with such vehemence as before. His chin now tremhled as he answered questions, and with each new piece of evidence produced, he slumped lower in his chair.

"There's just one thing more," Captain Broadfield said, reaching into his drawer. "When that girl struggled with you, she pulled some of your hair out by the roots. I have that hair here and I'm sure . . ."

Showers put his hands up to his face. "Never mind," he said. "I'll tell you. I did it, hut it was an accident."

The youth then proceeded to relate one of the most fantastic stories the police in that region had ever heard.

"She was walking along the road," he said, "when I drove up alongside of her. I yelled something and she must have become frightened. She slipped and fell under the hack wheel of the truck and I ran over her.

"I could see she was hadly hurt. I got panicky. I put her in my truck and headed toward Bloomingdale. She was moanin' all the way. Finally I stopped and carried her into the woods. It was one of those things," he said. "She looked so pretty. And the moon was full.

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"Then I got the hell out of there," he wound up his sordid story.

In the absence of even the slightest medical evidence that Cleo Tellstone had been run over by a truck, Showers' entire story was branded a lie by the officers.

Indicted three weeks later, on November 27th, 1939, the smirking twenty-year-old killer went on trial. Speedily found guilty, he was promptly sentenced to life imprisonment at Clinton Prison, Dannamora, for his crime.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *To protect a person innocently involved in this case, the name Betty Freen is fictitious as used here.*

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Touch of Death

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A typewriter — Marie's typewriter — had begun to glow. And the darker the evening grew, the more vivid and radiant the typewriter keys became.

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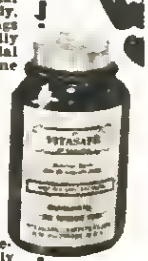
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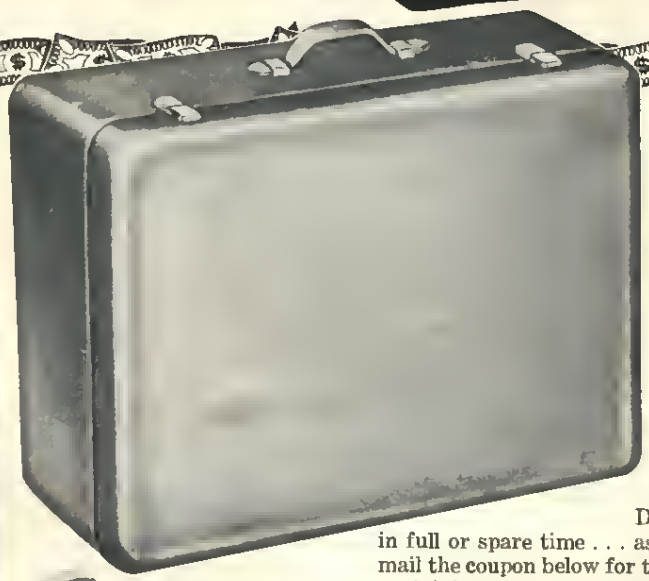
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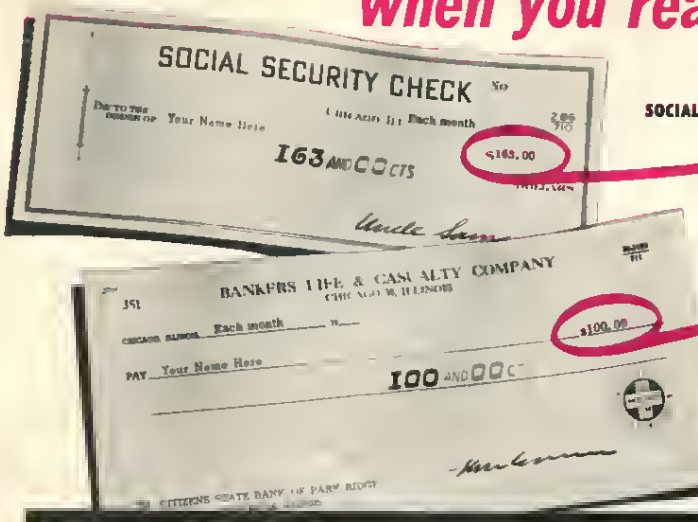
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Face the facts. With the price of everything sky-high, the best you can do on $37.60 a week will be to scratch out a bare existence. Life would be pretty dreary *except for one thing—EXTRA INCOME!*

Now—thanks to a wonderful personal retirement plan, *you can have this extra income every month.* If you are now under 50 and in good health you may be eligible for the brand new Section L-465 of the White Cross Plan which offers these three almost unbelievable benefits:

1. When you reach the age of 65 you receive another check for $100 every month for the rest of your life—even if you live to be 100.
2. If you die before the age of 65, your widow receives $10,000 in cash or extended payments at the rate of $100 a month for almost nine years.
3. If you die after the age of 65 and after your payments have started the payments will be continued to your widow until you and your widow have received $100 a month for a total of 10 years.

This *EXTRA* $100.00 a month—added to your Social Security Check of $163.00—means that you and your wife could live the remaining years of your lives together in relative comfort and security and enjoy a real retirement.

Income Protection RIGHT NOW

There is still another part of the White Cross Plan—Section P-16—that offers benefits *in addition* to those you get under Section L-465. Under Section P-16, you may get as much as two-thirds of your salary up to $400 per month, if you are disabled and your doctor says you are unable to work—whether you are laid up in a hospital for a long time or recuperating at home due to sickness or injury. This money is paid for a *whole year* in case of disability due to confining illness—for *TWO years* in case of total disability due to an accident. Waiting periods and exclusions for certain illnesses are held to a minimum; the policy is renewable at the option of the company, but, whereas disability payments under Social Security don't START until age 50, these payments, under P-16 may come to you *at whatever age you might need this help—from 18 to 60!*

DOUBLE Protection

Naturally, you are interested in the benefits you will receive under Social Security at age 65. You should be equally interested in getting the facts about the kind of cash payments you can get *NOW—at your present age.*

Mail the coupon today or send a postcard showing where you want the information sent. We will see that you get complete information on *both* of these payment plans. You will get (1) A FREE copy of the Social Security "Wheel of Fortune," (2) Free information on the $100.00 A MONTH Retirement Plan, and (3) Facts about the modern Income Disability protection on which you may receive money at *ANY* age from 18 to 60. All this information is yours free without charge and without obligation. Mail the coupon now.

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